

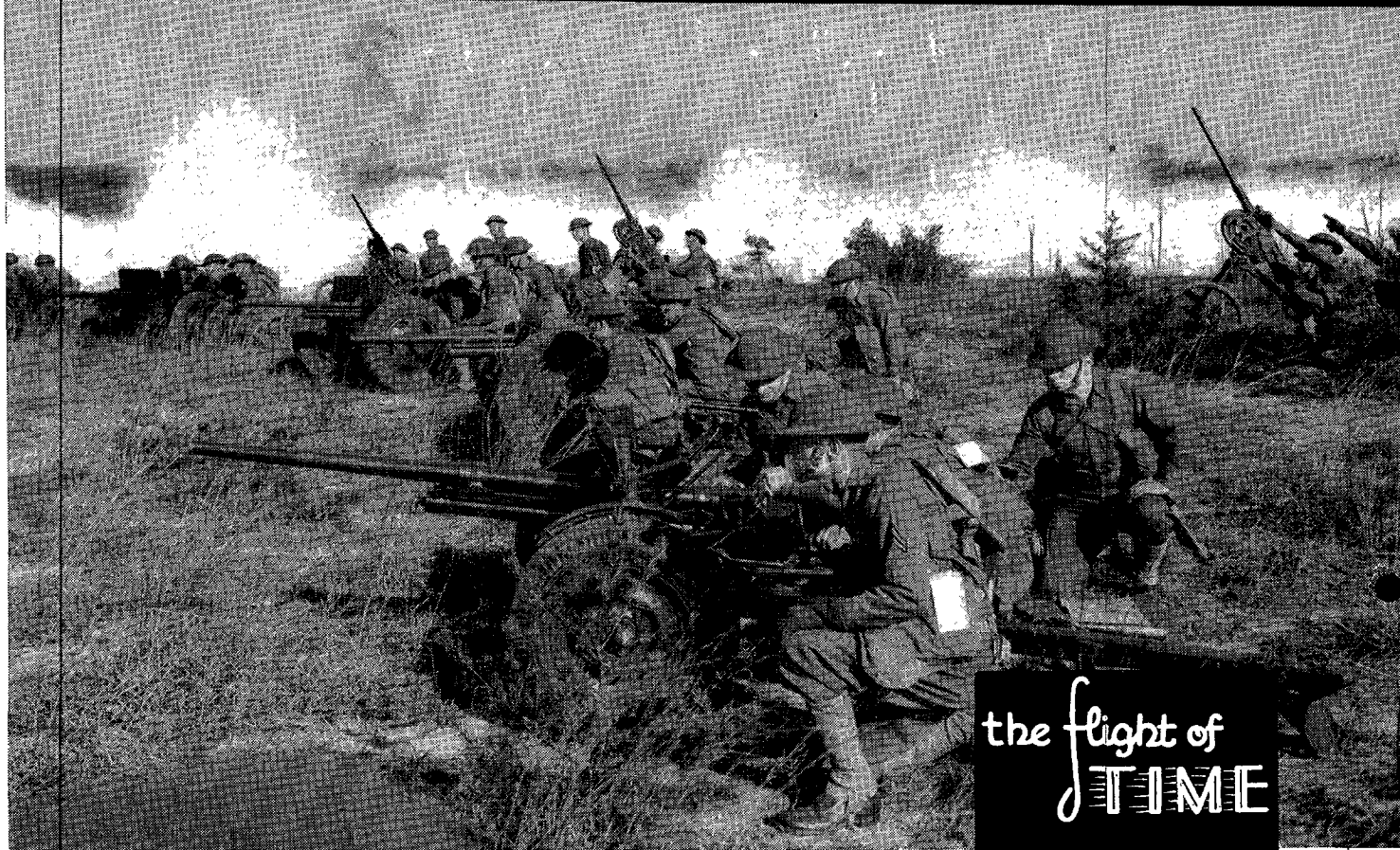
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GOD'S HEROES

NOT the least of the surprises of this strange, different kind of war they are fighting over in Europe today is the revelation of the fortitude, the courage, and the capacity for suffering, of the common man and woman.

In other wars it was the soldiers who did the fighting and won all the glory for bravery on the field of battle. In this war it is not the soldiers who are chiefly involved, but the civilians. Of all the millions of men in uniform in Europe today but a small proportion have fired a

Profiting by the failure of the French to stop the advance of panzer divisions and dive-bombers, the new U. S. Army is being equipped with the latest antitank and anti-aircraft guns, working in unison.

gun as yet. Their casualties are absurdly small for a major continental war. But civilians have been dying by the thousand. Six thousand a month is believed to be the average in England alone, and the number of wounded must be many times as great.

For the first time in history, owing to the advent of the bombing plane, great cities are being burned and blasted far behind the so-called fighting fronts, and the losses and discomfort being suffered by civilian noncombatants is simply incalculable and inconceivable.

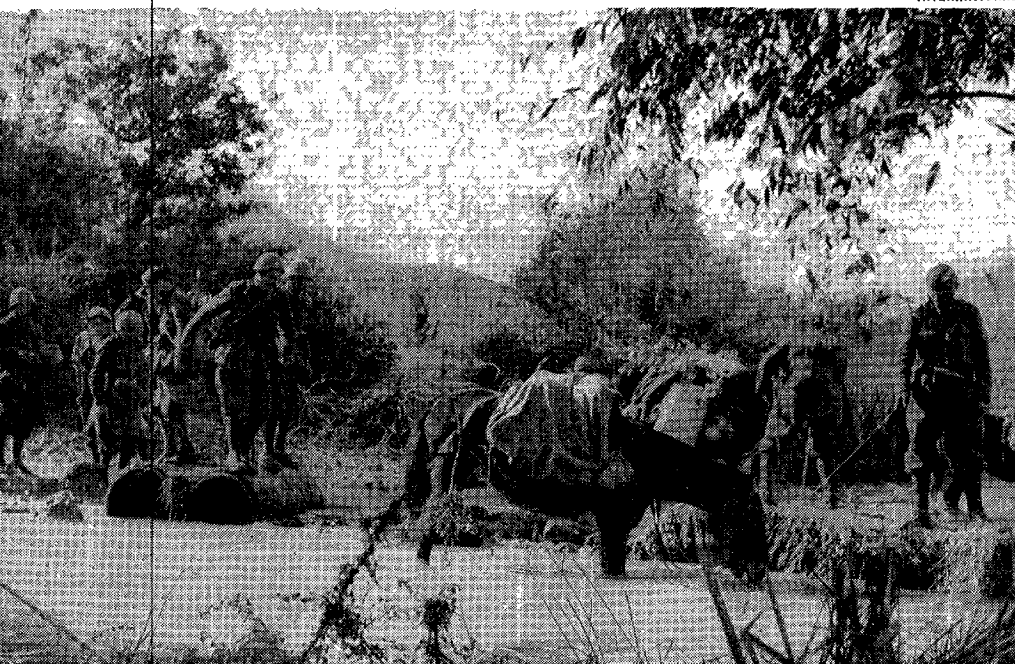
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A
SURVEY OF
WORLD
EVENTS

by the
EDITOR

Swampy terrain like this, coupled with poor roads and perilous mountain passes, proved too much for the invaders of Greece.

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Tens of thousands of homes have been partly or wholly destroyed and innumerable families broken up, by death, injury, or evacuation, with heartaches beyond imagination.

Nevertheless, despite all the suffering and the sorrow, there is no suggestion from these brave souls of giving in to wrong, of yielding to tyranny. These ordinary people, these fathers and mothers, and children too, are revealing extraordinary and unsuspected qualities of courage, endurance, and real bravery in the face of mortal danger.

Not long ago many of them used to go to town every day on the 7:35 to do their routine tasks in the city, and returned with equal regularity every evening. To watch them placidly reading their newspapers, or dozing in their corner seats, nobody would have dreamed that these people could ever fight a fire or extinguish an incendiary bomb, or give first aid to the wounded with shrapnel flying all around. Nobody would have thought that these women crowding the bargain counters on sales days at the great department stores could suddenly have adjusted themselves cheerfully to all the inconveniences and wearisomeness of life in air-raid shelters.

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And these young men and boys that seemed so gay and careless—who would have pictured them atop the tallest buildings, exposing themselves to falling shell fragments while they watch for the approach of raiders or spot the position of falling bombs?

Nor can we forget those few young airmen who, after the fall of France, did “so much for so many;” or those unknown men and women who took their little rowing boats, motor launches, and sailing yachts across the English Channel to the raging hell of Dunkirk to save an army; or the humble fisherfolk who drag the seas for mines; or the cheery lads who dig the time bombs from under churches and people’s homes. Heroes all, unknown and unsung, but not indeed unhonored.

It took the war to reveal all this amazing heroism. Yet it was there in their hearts all the time, just waiting for some crisis to bring it forth. It is likewise latent in all the common, everyday people about us, together with other beautiful qualities we may never have seen or suspected. Behind the oft-times unprepossessing exterior are all sorts of lovely things. And even though we may never understand it, God does. That is why He loves us as He does. Knowing more about us than we can ever know ourselves, He senses our capacity for great achievement and heroic service. He realizes all the rich, unlimited potentialities latent in every human being.

For this reason He says that we are worth more than fine gold, “even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” This is why He tells us that He has loved us “with an everlasting love,” why He planned that we should be redeemed not “with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Yes indeed, this was why “God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

It was an infinite price to pay, but God thought we were worth it! He saw not only the beggar on the dunghill but the prince on the throne of glory. 1 Samuel 2:8. He saw not only the prodigal grovel in the hog pen but a son returned, repentant and forgiven, clothed with the royal garment and the royal ring, safe in the Father’s house.

He saw not only the squalor and the degradation resulting from sin, but the victims of satanic deception delivered from their chains and “made . . . kings and priests unto God.” Revelation 1:6. He saw a great multitude of ordinary, homely people, unshackled at last, free to develop to the full extent of their God-

OUR COVER PICTURE

Another unsung hero, this member of the Bomb Removal Squad, is digging out a one-ton time bomb—replica of the one that menaced St. Paul’s Cathedral—from a London hospital. Half of this huge bomb is still embedded twenty feet deep.

given powers; their latent capacity for true greatness come to full fruition. For this joy set before Him He “endured the cross.” Hebrews 12:2.

What undreamed-of possibilities He must have seen in us! What marvelous things He must have planned to do with us and for us in the days to come!



IN THE year 1925, seven years after the end of the first World War and fourteen years before the second, there was published in Paris the following remarkable prophecy of the fall of France.

“I conclude this short clinical survey,” said a distinguished French psychiatrist, “trusting that it may have impressed upon you the increasing frequency, the terrible gravity of the alcohol problem and the vital necessity for our unhappy country to check the unceasing progress of alcoholism, agent of every kind of physical and moral degeneracy. Alcoholism, under the indifferent eyes of the authorities, is indeed destroying our nation. I cannot insist strongly enough on the literal truth of this prognostication, and I solemnly affirm that from now on one might inscribe on the windows of all the public houses in France these fateful words: *Finis Galliae* (the end of France).”

The man who made this pronouncement was well aware, of course, of the

great military and naval defenses of the republic. About that very time France was probably at the peak of her postwar power, with billions of francs being spent annually for the provision of supposedly impregnable fortresses and an invincible army and navy. Nevertheless this far-seeing professor realized that there was an internal danger greater than any external peril could ever be. He sensed that the physical and moral degeneracy caused by unrestricted consumption of alcohol would so weaken and debauch the people that all the colossal expenditure upon armaments would be nullified. He saw the fate of France on the windows of her saloons!

Is there not a lesson here for other lands? In a time of universal upheaval such as this can even America much longer permit itself to be inundated with a flood tide of alcohol?

Of what use will be all the incredibly expensive rearmament program, all the battleships, tanks, guns, and fortifications, if the strength and morale of the people are sapped by unlimited liquor consumption?

Can any nation at such a time as this afford to have seventy-five per cent of its population going about their tasks partly benumbed and stupefied by those twin narcotic poisons, alcohol and tobacco?

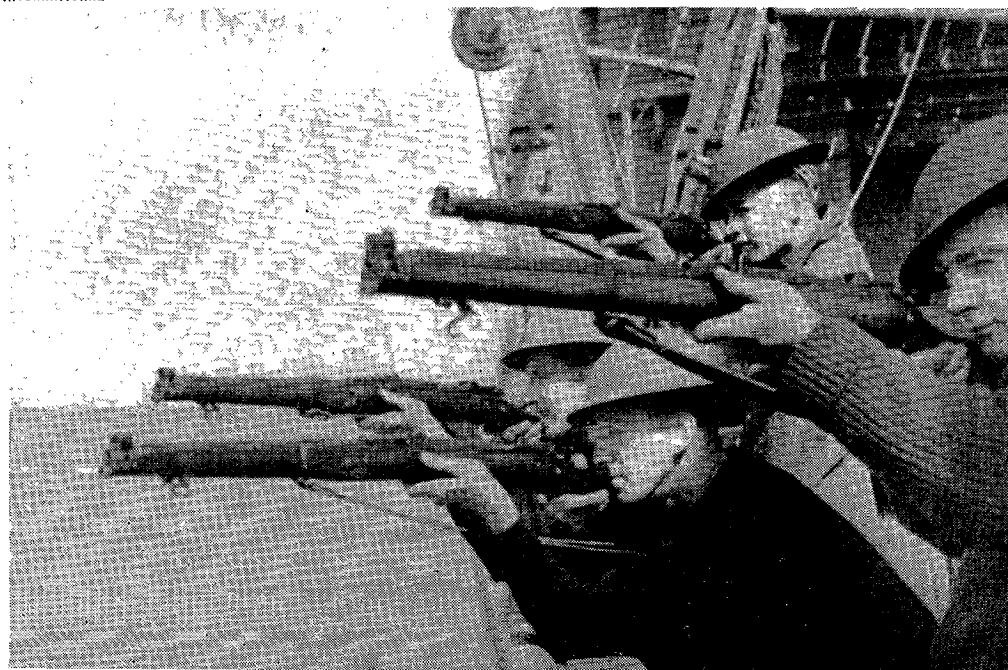
Is it not high time that something should be done to put a stop to the reckless advertising of these proved agents of “physical and moral degeneracy” over the radio, on the billboards, in newspapers and magazines? Shame on us all that we should permit the youth of the nation to be deceived by all this lying propaganda.

Surely the hour has come when all men of good will should raise their voices in vigorous protest against these enemies within the gates.

The fate of France, poor, helpless, liquor-soaked France, should be sufficient warning.

Australians aboard a mine sweeper firing at mines discovered in the Bass Straits.

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ENCAMPING ANGELS

THREE thousand years ago the psalmist wrote: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7.

Evidently David had learned it in his own hard school of experience. And Inspiration was looking back nearly another three thousand years upon a history of angel ministry for sinful men dating from the loss of Eden.

The angels were round about in all the pilgrimage of the children of God through the ages, always there, though only rarely visible. It is a question whether the prophet Elisha himself had seen the angelic chariots that morning on the Samaria mountainside when he prayed the Lord to open the eyes of the fearful young man who thought the Syrians would surely overpower Israel.

To Elisha it had been revealed a number of times what the plans of the king of Syria were. The prophet warned the king of Israel, who "saved himself there, not once nor twice."

The king of Syria was told of the prophet's work and sent forces to take Elisha: "Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about." 2 Kings 6:14.

An Invisible Host

Elisha's young helper saw this host in the morning and cried, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" Then came the answer in words that have been a comfort in all time since: "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

The young man found it a hard doctrine to accept. Then "Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

We need not recite how the prophet prayed again and the Lord shut the eyes of the Syrians. Elisha led them, blinded, to the city of Samaria, where their eyes were opened, where food was given them, and they were sent safely back to their king.

That was not the last time that attacking forces were stayed by angels encamped round about; though not always were the protectors made visible.

More Amazing Stories of Modern Miracles of Deliverance

by W. A. SPICER

In the 1850's, the tribes of the Sumatra interior were fierce enemies of the first missionaries. Von Asselt, of the Rhine-land mission, pioneered the way among the Battaks. I abbreviate the story printed in a religious paper in Germany. There was a darkness that could be sensed round about. More than once the missionary and his wife rose in the night to pray God to send His angels to be with them; so keenly they felt the presence of peril. Then they moved inland, where a tribe was more kindly. One day a chief came to see the missionary from the place where he had first settled. At last the chief said to Von Asselt:

"I have yet one request."

"And what is that?"

"I want to see your watchmen."

"But I have no watchmen."

"I mean the watchmen that you station round your house at night."

"But I have none. I have only a herdboy and a little cook."

The man looked unbelievably at the missionary. "May I look through your house?" he asked.

"Yes, certainly," said the missionary laughing.

The chief searched everywhere in vain, then he finally explained: "When you

A head-hunter of the remoter parts of the Philippines.



first came to us, *tuan* [teacher], we resolved to kill you and your wife. Night after night we went to your house to do it. But when we came, there always stood round about watchmen with glittering weapons. Then we hired an assassin, and he laughed at us. [They had professional bad men who would kill for pay.] 'I fear no God and no devil,' he said. 'I will get through those watchmen easily.' So we all came together in the evening, and the assassin, swinging his weapon about his head, went on before us. As we neared your house we remained behind. The assassin went on alone. But in a short time he came running back hastily, and said, 'No, I dare not risk it to go through alone; two rows of big strong men stand there, and their weapons shine like fire.' So we gave it up to kill you. Now, tell me, *tuan*, who are those watchmen?"

Angel Watchmen

Then the missionary went in and brought out a Bible. He read to the chief about the angels. I suppose he read: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him." And Von Asselt told the chief why the men had seen the angels, while the missionary and his wife had never seen them: "This book is the word of our great God, in which He promises to guard and defend us, and we firmly believe that word; therefore we need not see the watchmen; but you do not believe, therefore the great God has to show you the watchmen, in order that you may learn to believe."

This is a story of long ago. Now the gospel has changed the whole Battak outlook. When first the Adventists entered the East Indies the greatest interest was found among Battak youth, who pressed into school to learn the way of God.

Sundar Singh was a unique character in India, thirty or forty years ago. He had been a *sadhu* (a Hindu holy man).

Round About Us

by L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

"I can see their white tents gleaming
'Mid the radiant glory bright,
And I hear the faithful tramping
Of the sentinel at night;
For my Watcher sleepeth never,
And His eye is never dim;
He will keep my soul forever
If I only trust in Him.

"They are camping round about me,
'Mid the busy cares of life,
'Mid its trials and temptations,
'Mid its bustle and its strife.
They will leave me never, never;
They are guardians true and tried.
See! they pitch their white tents closer,
And they'll never leave my side."

He found Christ. He gave himself to evangelism in his own way. Where no European could go, Sundar Singh, in his robe of the Hindu holy man, made his way to and fro. Here are two experiences:

Divine Aid and Protection

"Once as he sat on the banks of a river, having lost his way in the jungle, lo, a strange man came and bore him, swimming, across the rushing stream to the farther bank. But as he looked about to thank his helper, the stranger had disappeared. . . . Once a band of men armed with sticks fell upon him. He began to pray, and, behold, as he opened his eyes after prayer he was alone. Next morning the men who had attacked him returned, and asked him about the men in 'shining raiment' who were round about him as they had attacked the night

before, and he recognized that the angels of the Lord had encamped round about."

There was danger for the Philippine evangelist. He had baptized a woman into Christ. The woman's husband was angry. He was of that fierce half-pagan type sometimes met in remote parts of the populous Philippines. He swore he would kill the teacher. He knew how to do it. He knew the custom in the prayer meeting. After the singing, all would kneel with bowed heads and eyes closed to pray. The pastor would be in front by the door. It would be easy to slip in and take off the pastor's head. The man stood outside by the door on the prayer meeting night. His *bolo*—the swordlike knife—was sharp. As the little flock knelt in prayer, the man stepped silently toward the kneeling leader. All heads were bowed. No one

saw him. Then, suddenly, the man turned and ran out—ran as for his life. He later told why. As he approached the kneeling pastor, he said, an angel with wings outspread, stood facing him with piercing eyes fixed upon him. The man fled for his life. He had learned that the angel of the Lord encamps round about those that fear Him, and delivers them.

Not in the far lands only, and on frontiers of gospel service, but in the daily life of men and women and children is this ministry of heaven going on. In ways that will never be known until the scroll is opened in heaven, God's care has all through life been over the children of God—and over those who perhaps have not as yet given thought to their need of God's care. The angels of God are encamped all about in this busy world.

THE SHORT TIME LEFT

*Hastening to
History's Close*



by LUCRETIA L.
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NEVER before has the world witnessed such fierce, rapid, extensive, destructive work as in the wars of the past few years. Countries have been bombed until many of their rich and populous cities have been left in ruins. Some have experienced a "blizzard of bombs." Already in many parts of Europe and Asia death, sorrow, famine, and desolation are widespread, and it has been said that more terrible bombing is planned, and that even poison gas may be used. Hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children have left homes and possessions to find a place of safety. Even kings and queens have fled from country to country, hardly knowing where to find protection. Well may we ask, What does it all mean?

Open your Bible and read God's answer: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

The devil knows that the end is near, and God wants everyone to know that Christ is coming soon.

We are now beholding the fulfillment of many of the prophecies relating to the last days. We see "distress of nations, with perplexity." Luke 21:25. We see the nations angry. Revelation 11:18. We see parts of many countries in ruins, and great cities broken down; and soon

all countries will be like these, and all cities will be heaps of ruins, for we read: "I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. . . . Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein." Jeremiah 4:26-29.

Under the leadership of Satan the wicked will continue their work of destruction with great power and haste, but at the same time the work of the gospel will be finished speedily also.

We read of the Lord: "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28.

Long ago the Lord said that when the time would come for Him to finish His work on this earth and to gather His righteous people, He would "hasten it." Isaiah 60:22. "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:22.

He is keeping these promises. The gospel is now being carried by the swiftest available methods to nearly all the world. And when this is accomplished, "then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Again we read: "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the

Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord." Zephaniah 1:14-17.

Today, when the Lord is hastening to finish His work, when Satan is working with great power to ruin and to destroy the earth and its inhabitants, when everything is moving with astonishing rapidity to the end of this old world, what are we going to do? Shall we sleep and dream of happier days?

The Lord calls to His people: "Awake out of sleep;" "watch and be sober," for "the night is far spent, the day is at hand." Romans 13:11, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:6.

To those who are out of the fold He cries: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Ephesians 5:14.

Neither silver nor gold, nor idols, shall be able to deliver men in the day of God's wrath; therefore give Him your heart and worship Him now. Lay up your silver and gold in heaven by using it in His service. Ezekiel 7:19; Isaiah 2:19-21; Matthew 6:19-21.

"Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." Ezekiel 18:31, 32.

"Surely," He says, "I come quickly." Revelation 22:20.

Facing CATASTROPHE Without HOPE

*Tragic Result of
Godless Philosophy*

*Where Hope Can
Be Found*

THE ROSEATE dreams of a scientific age are fast fading out. The world of abundance, security, and peace which we were promised has had to be postponed indefinitely. Grim shadows have been cast athwart our path. The problem now is how we are to shake ourselves loose from the dire forces that have apparently gained control of the resources of life.

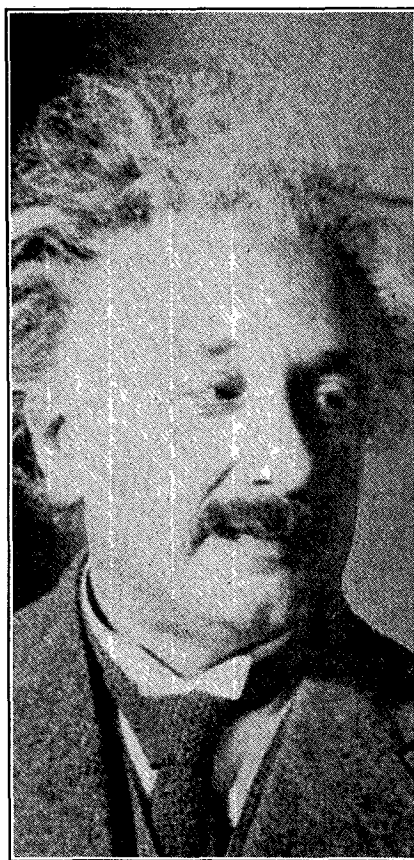
It was not so long ago that production engineers were telling us of the good that science would do for the world. Now we are learning the evil that science can do. Scientists who once thought only in terms of material accomplishment are beginning now to realize that such success unaccompanied by moral progress is most dangerous.

During the past few years the question of the relation of moral values to scientific achievements has been discussed at length in large gatherings of scientists. They have seen belatedly the danger of science's being used by unscrupulous men to work havoc in the world.

Scientists Ponder Moral Trends

Reporting on a convention of scientists that was held in Richmond, Virginia in 1938, the *New York Times* of December 26, 1938, said: "Among the inner councils of the leading scientists gathered here on the eve of the meeting, there is an attitude of tenseness seldom observed among men of science. World events during the past few months have made scientific men realize as never before that the intellectual and moral forces of the world are faced with a race against time. They are aware that heroic measures must be taken by men of science, who, in their quest for the betterment of the human lot, have forged the very weapons that now threaten to destroy man and civilization."

Prof. Harold C. Urey, addressing in 1938 the American Association for the Advancement of Science, stated that "there was little doubt that much of the unrest of the civilized world for the last twenty-five years, resulting in revolutions, new systems of government, and world-wide depressions, was closely related to the increase of production capacity brought about by chemistry and



Albert Einstein, who said: "Teachers of religion must have the stature to give up the doctrine of a personal God."

the sister sciences."—*New York Times*, June 30, 1938.

Sir William Bragg, president of the Royal Society of London, speaking on "World Morality Trailing Science," stated: "Science puts into our hands vast opportunities for improving the conditions that govern our lives. . . . But wisdom and understanding are sorely lacking, and one of the greatest needs of the day is to learn how to make use of the knowledge we have gained."—*New York Times*, June 26, 1939.

Aldous Huxley is quoted as saying that "technological knowledge has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backward." The bishop of Winchester, who quoted these words in an address given before fifteen hundred scientists in London some time ago, added: "Man's advance in character has not kept pace with his advance in knowledge. His intellectual and technical development has far outstripped his moral progress."—*New York Times*, Aug. 22, 1938.

Secretary of State Hull recently stated, "Today we witness a stark demonstration of the possibilities of antisocial and antimoral use of the achievements of science."—*New York Times*, May 14, 1940.

The right use of science is one of the

The Cry for Certainty—4

by

FREDERICK LEE

greatest problems today. Men are now beginning to take note of this. They can see that we are in danger of building a Frankenstein that may destroy the world. When science is turned to the use of unscrupulous men, it is a vast power for evil. What can be done about it in a world where iniquity abounds and where the hearts of men are bent to do evil is a matter that is troubling the minds of many scientists themselves.

They admit that the only solution likely to be successful is a moral one. But a skeptical and cynical generation knows little of morals and less of religion, which is the only true basis for moral conduct. The situation is most bewildering and hopeless. The only recourse men now seem to have in meeting catastrophe is a fatal stoicism in which there is little light.

H. G. Wells, in his book, *The Fate of Man*, notes the disillusionment that has come as the result of the failure of science to achieve a better world. He says on pages 14 and 15: "How suddenly we are confronted by a series of distresses and disasters, of a nature to convince the most hopeful of us that all this happy assurance was premature. We anticipated too easily, too greedily, and too uncritically. These new powers, inventions, contrivances, and methods are not the unqualified enrichment of normal life that we had expected. . . . We are only beginning to realize that the cornucopia of innovation may perhaps prove far more dangerous than benevolent."

Descent Into New Dark Age

What are we led to expect as a result of all this? Let Mr. Wells tell us what he thinks is ahead. He says: "More and more will the world be for the tough, for the secretive, the treacherous and ruthless. . . . The coming barbarism will differ from the former barbarism by its greater powers of terror, urgency, and destruction, and by its greater rapidity of wastage. . . . There will be the last crop of saints and devotees. Mankind which began in a cave and behind a windbreak will end in the disease-soaked ruins of a slum. What else can happen? What other turn can destiny take?"—*The Fate of Man*, pages 308-311.

Secretary of State Hull sees much the same thing. He says: "The specter of a new descent into the conditions of international anarchy which characterized the Dark Ages looms on the horizon today. I am profoundly convinced that it menaces the civilized existence of mankind—of every nation and of every individual."—*New York Times*, May 14, 1940.

An article in the *New York Times Magazine* of December 31, 1939, by Allan Nevins, professor of history of Columbia University, entitled "A Decade Ends," declares: "A combination of industrial collapse, financial chaos, social confusion, and unexampled brutality in international relations gripped the world in a nightmare thralldom. The nations have seldom been stretched on a harder rack. Does any single ray of light break through the clouds?"

These are the questions that many are asking. Professor Nevins thinks there is some light. He says, "If the forces of disintegration and aggression won victory after victory (during the past decade), they created in the end a spirit which resolutely announced: 'Thus far and no farther.'"

What of the Future?

H. G. Wells, however, is skeptical of the powers of man to extricate himself from the whirlpool into which he has drifted. We quote: "There is no reason whatever to believe that the order of nature has any greater bias in favor of man than it had in favor of the ichthyosaurus or the pterodactyl. In spite of all my disposition to a brave-looking optimism, I perceive that now the universe is bored with him, is turning a hard face to him, and I see him being carried less and less intelligently and more and more rapidly, suffering as every ill-adapted creature must suffer in gross and detail, along the stream of fate to suffering and death."—*The Fate of Man*, pages 311, 312.

Thus writes the spokesman of science, the student of history, the skeptic in a world of evil. He is happy when progress is being made. He is pessimistic when cruelty is so evident. For him there is little light. Evolution is not the bright and shining source of hope and healing that Mr. Wells once thought it was.

Dr. John Dewey, one of America's most famous educators and philosophers, on his eightieth birthday stated how he faced the future. He said: "Perhaps it is my age that has made me realize that history is a long, slow process in which there are advances and retrogressions, that all development must be gradual. . . . Civilization is still young. Youth is bound to be stricken with the diseases of childhood, and measles is seldom fatal. Civilization may go through setbacks before it comes of age. My philosophy

teaches me to look beyond the present. It sustains me in such times as these."—*New York Times*, Oct. 15, 1939.

This sort of evolutionary fatalism may cheer the heart of an intellectual, but the more humble minds feel the need of a warmer philosophy than this.

Result of Godless Philosophy

Strange to say, modern science has been dominated by the philosophy of evolution. Evolution is not a science but an unproved hypothesis that leaves God out of its reckoning. It is little wonder then that this scientific age is climaxed by the rise of paganism. Some scientists have made futile attempts to reconcile the views of evolution with the word of God.

Evolution is a godless philosophy which is coming to full fruitage in the dangerous ideologies that are now threatening to take from the world all that men once held dear. We have come to the place where Paul found the pagans of Ephesus when he wrote of them as "having no hope, and without God in the world."

If God had no portion in the creation of this world and now has no part in its

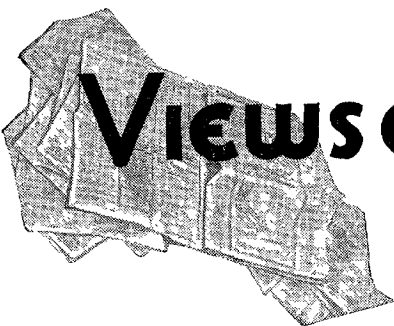
history, then we are indeed without hope and without God. If there is no source of power outside ourselves, we are then in a most desperate state, and large numbers of thinking men are coming to realize this.

Albert Einstein, one of the most remarkable scientists of the day, has frankly admitted his disbelief in a personal God. He, as an evolutionist, and humanist, is at least consistent. Only recently he made bold to suggest before a body of leaders in "science, philosophy, and religion," that "in their struggle for ethical good, teachers of religion must have the stature to give up the doctrine of a personal God. . . . In their labors they will have to avail themselves of those forces which are capable of cultivating the good, the true, and the beautiful in humanity itself."—*New York Times*, Sept. 11, 1940.

If there is no personal God working out His will in the lives of men, and we are merely dependent on blind fate, or a process in nature which is not clearly evident, we are indeed facing catastrophe without hope.

While skeptics doubt, we are assured

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

COMMENTS ON THE CRISIS

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PANIC OR COURAGE "Panic," writes Dorothy Thompson, "is the result of rude awakening from a false dream. The contemplation of reality is the beginning of creative courage and corporate salvation."

WILL THE POPE SPEAK AGAIN? Commenting on the present enforced silence of the pope, the *Osservatore Romano* looks forward to the time when the pope will speak again and his words will be heeded. "One day," it says, "the arms will be laid aside, and people will talk once more of peace. . . . Minds and hearts will then be changed from war to peace, as now they are being changed from peace to war. Then words will be spoken which will seem new, but they will be in fact your old words, O Holy Father, which do not change."

FIVE FREEDOMS To a recent Press conference, President Roosevelt propounded as the five essentials of permanent peace: Freedom from fear, freedom of information, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and freedom from want.

UNLIMITED POWER DANGEROUS "Unlimited power," writes J. P. Mayer in *Prophet of the Mass Age*, "appears to me to be in itself an evil and a dangerous thing, and the mind of man unequal to the disinterested practice of omnipotence. I think that God alone can exercise supreme and uncontrolled power, because His wisdom and justice are eternally proportionate to His might. But no power on earth is so worthy of honor for itself, or of reverential obedience to the rights which it represents, that I would consent to admit its uncontrolled and all-predominant authority."

ROME ENHANCED PRESTIGE "At the beginning of the Pontificate of Benedict XV in 1914," declared Mgr. Godfrey, apostolic delegate to Great Britain, in a recent address in Edinburgh, "there was only a handful of diplomatic representatives at the Vatican, and only fourteen States had Concordats with Rome. There are today some thirty-six Nuncios and twenty-four Apostolic Delegations, while at Rome there are some thirty-seven Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Holy See."

CHRIST'S COMING CERTAIN

THERE is probably no doctrine that is emphasized in the Bible more than that of Christ's second coming. The Bible is filled with references to it from Genesis to Revelation. Jude records these words: "Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, *Behold, the Lord cometh* with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14, 15. Job confidently says, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19:25. David says, "*Our God shall come*, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him." Psalm 50:3. Paul says, "Our conversation is in heaven; from whence *also we look for the Saviour*, the Lord Jesus Christ;" and again he says, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13. Peter adds this testimony: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you *the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*." 2 Peter 1:16. John says, "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him;" and the closing prayer in the Bible is, "Even so, *come, Lord Jesus*." 1 John 3:2; Revelation 22:20.

The doctrine of the second coming of the Lord is indeed a precious doctrine. The moment a man lays hold of the truth that Jesus Christ is coming again to receive His followers unto Himself, this world loses its hold upon him. Even as the blessed news of the coming of the Christ child in the manger at Bethlehem was of surpassing importance to the people of God at that time, so now the truth of the second coming of Christ is of surpassing importance to this generation. While some have made the serious mistake of setting a time for the Lord to come we must not let the fanaticism of some hinder us from a study of this glorious doctrine.

It was during the sad hours preceding the trial and crucifixion of Christ that He gave to His followers the comforting words, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again*, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

*Prophecies and Promises Assure
His Imminent Return*

by M. L. ANDREASEN

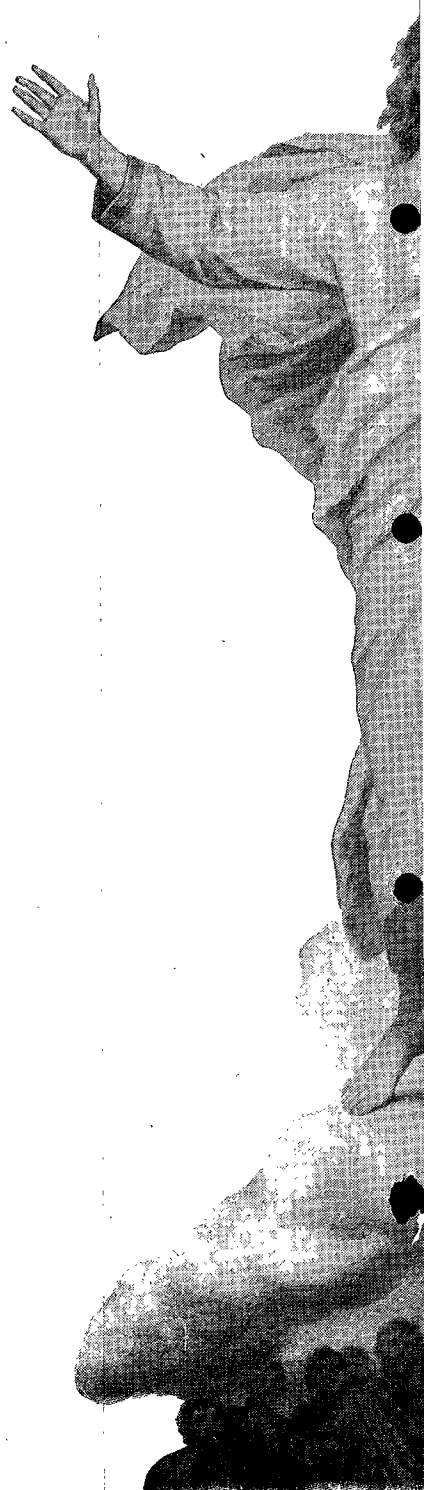
Christ had several times mentioned His going away, and each time it had filled the hearts of His disciples with sadness. Now He gives them the comforting assurance that He will come again. That this coming does not take place at death, as some believe, but is an altogether different event is clearly emphasized in the words of the angels who conversed with the disciples upon the occasion of the ascension of the Lord. Christ had led the twelve out to the Mount of Olives. There He had spoken His parting words, and even while they were looking He was taken up from them. The record reads, "While they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:10, 11.

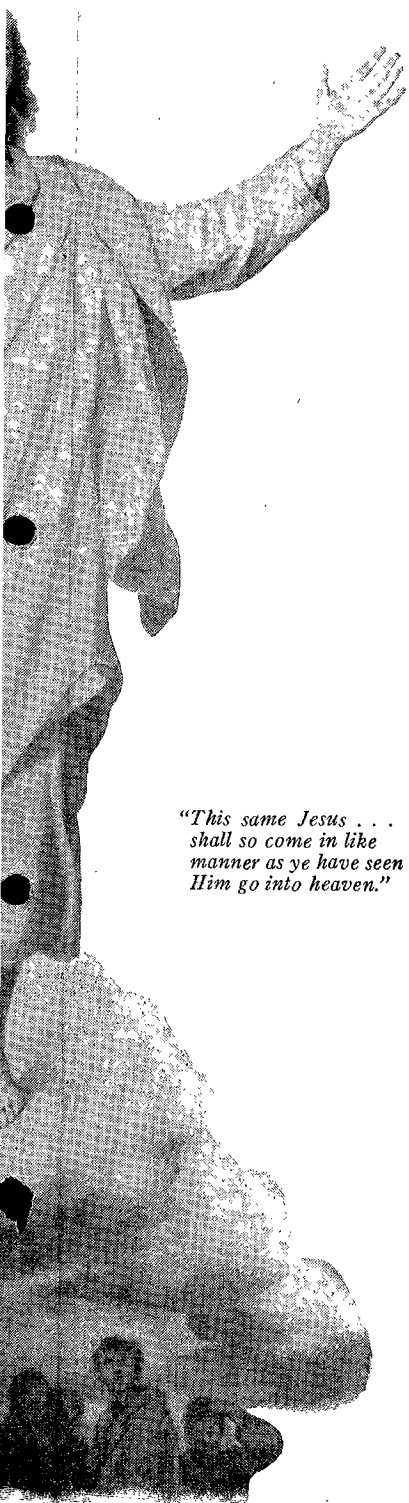
Note how emphatic these words are. It is not merely Jesus who shall come again, but "*this same Jesus*." He shall not merely *come again* but He "*shall so come in like manner* as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Concerning this the record reads, "When He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:9. This would seem to settle the question of the *manner* of Christ's coming in a definite way. While the disciples stood looking, Christ was taken up from them and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And the promise is that He "*shall so come in like manner* as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Christ's second coming will therefore be literal and visible. He will come in the clouds of heaven.

In harmony with this is a statement made in the first chapter of the book of Revelation. "*Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him*." Verse 7. According to this it will not do for us to spiritualize our Lord's re-

turn. It will be a literal, visible coming in the clouds of heaven, "with power and great glory," and "every eye shall see Him."

This is further emphasized by Christ's own statements in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Verses 27, 30. We would therefore take our stand upon the unques-





"This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

come as King of kings and Lord of lords, in His own glory, and in His Father's and in that of the holy angels.

It may well be asked, What is the object of this personal, visible, literal coming of Christ? The first answer would be that Christ comes to take His people home. This is stated in the fourteenth chapter of John. "If I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again*, and receive you unto Myself; *that where I am, there ye may be also.*" Christ comes to receive His own. "Then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds." Mark 13:27. This is nothing less than the resurrection, "for the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God; and *the dead in Christ shall rise first.*" 1 Thessalonians 4:16. It is thus stated clearly that when Christ comes the second time the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise. Then the angels shall gather the saints together from one end of heaven to the other, and the great meeting of all ages shall take place.

It is at the same time that another important happening occurs. Whenever Christ does come there will be some saints *living on the earth*. It will not be necessary for these to die before they can be taken to heaven, but they will, without seeing death, be translated. This is definitely stated by Paul as he continues his description of Jesus' coming. "We which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Verse 17. Again he says in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

This is a most interesting and comforting statement. Some of God's people will be living on the earth when Christ comes. These will not go down to the grave as former generations have done, but will be changed, translated, and meet the Lord in the air, and ever be with Him. We therefore state that one object of Christ's coming is to gather together His saints and take them home with Him to glory. When He comes in the clouds of heaven the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised from their dusty graves. Then all God's children—both those who have been raised from the dead, and those who are still living—will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and thus they shall ever be with the Lord.

Another object of Christ's coming is

to *reward* every man according as his work shall be. This, Christ Himself definitely states in Matthew 16:27: "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and *then He shall reward every man* according to his works." In the last chapter of the Bible, verse 12, Jesus says, "Behold, I come quickly; and *My reward is with Me*, to give every man according as his work shall be." The same thought is suggested in these words: "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14:14.

The time of reward is also the time of judgment. "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14, 15. David says in Psalm 96:13, "*He cometh to judge* the earth: He shall *judge* the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth;" and Paul voices the same opinion when he says, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who *shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing* and His kingdom." 2 Timothy 4:1. This is further illustrated by Christ Himself in Matthew 25:31, 32: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He *shall separate them* one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats."

This makes the subject of the coming of the Lord of great importance to all. When Christ appears the second time the graves will be opened, the resurrection will take place, and the saints will receive their reward. At the same time the living saints will be translated without seeing death and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The goats will be separated from the sheep and the last great judgment will take place. There could be no more important event than this, for it is at this time that the "kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman," will hide "themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains," and say "to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:15-17.

Christ will come. He will come in His own glory and in that of the Father and of the angels. He will come to receive His own. The resurrection will take place, the righteous living will be translated, and all will go home to glory with Him.

As all these events will take place in

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tioned Biblical evidence that the Lord Jesus has promised to *come again*; that His second coming is with power and great glory; that it will be as *lightning* that shineth out of the east even unto the west; that every eye shall see Him; and that He shall come *in the same manner* in which He was taken up into heaven, which was a *literal* and *visible* ascension. We may therefore believe with all assurance that Christ's second coming is not a spiritual coming, it is not a coming at death, but a literal, glorious revelation of the same Jesus who was once here upon earth. He shall



A New Guinea chieftain with his many charms of cowrie shells.

CHRIST IN NEW GUINEA

Savages Changed by the Gospel

by A. J. CAMPBELL

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NEXT to Greenland, New Guinea is the largest island in the world. It has a vast coast line and an extensive interior. In this great central part are large inhabited areas where dwell many thousands of heathen. Today the news of the gospel is being heard through all its mountains and valleys.

This is verily a land of savages. In their brutal sorties women and children are killed as well as men. The bow and arrow and the spear are weapons that cause much suffering and many deaths. The people believe that no death can come about naturally, and so when there is a death the blame is charged to some enemy tribe, whose sorcerers are said to have worked "poison," resulting in the death. This evil practice leads to much bloodshed and a great deal of intertribal enmity. Passion is thus worked to a high pitch, resulting in many being killed and injured, and houses and even whole villages burned. Tribal areas are very restricted, for natives wandering from one tribal ground to another run a grave risk of meeting cruel death at the hands of enemies. An ambush is a common thing, and is often cunningly planned.

The inhabitants of these central highlands of New Guinea construct neat small round houses, with double walls for protection against the cold. They

are good agriculturists and take pains to see that their gardens are neatly arranged. With their own persons it is a different matter, for they are dirty in habits and untidy in appearance. Charms and superstitious ornaments hang about their necks, or from their ears, or pierce their noses. Their heads are often decorated with bird feathers, including those of the beautiful bird of paradise. Their bodies are smeared with pig grease, which causes their skin to glisten in the sun's rays. The demoralizing habit of chewing betel nut is common among many of these inland tribes.

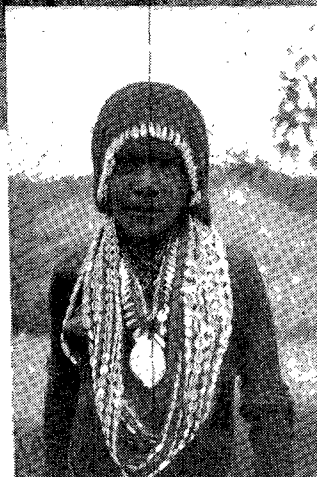
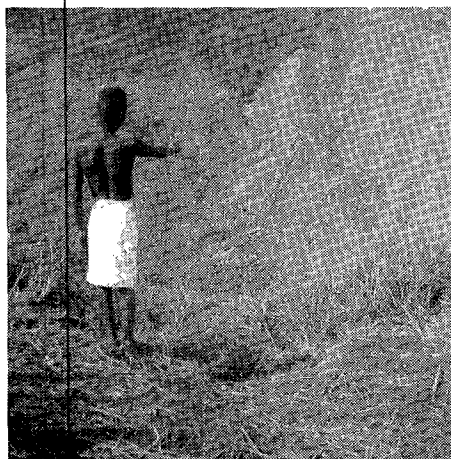
It is not an easy task to bring the heart-changing gospel of Christ to these people. The airplane truly has provided speedier

power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

I have seen many onetime heathen who now sit at the feet of their Lord, not now heathen, but new men and women in Christ Jesus. At the time of the first contact between this gospel and a victim of heathenism such a change seems utterly impossible, but through the power of God it becomes wholly possible. The impulse of hate, the desire to strike and kill members of other tribes, vanishes. Demoralizing customs are discarded. Scarlet red lips and blackened teeth, and benumbed mental, moral, and spiritual powers, all results of the betel nut chewing habit, disappear. Cleanliness in outlook and appearance replaces the sad and vicious lack of these qualities. A onetime heathen may be seen with his family, all neatly attired, washed and clean, with Bible and songbook under his arm going off to his little church humbly to worship and praise God for deliverance, instead of going out, as



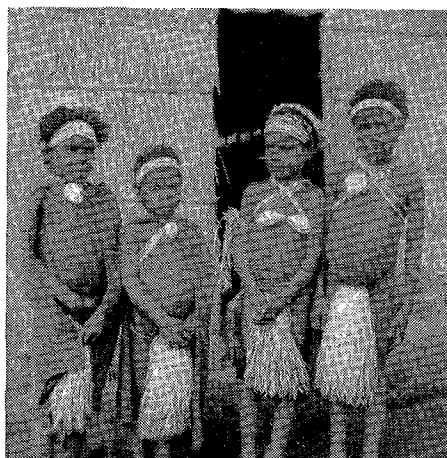
(Above) Bows and arrows gathered by native police of New Guinea in an attempt to halt intertribal fighting. (Left) An Adventist school teacher, standing by a British Museum camp, pointing to an untouched village in central New Guinea. (Right) A native girl with small cowrie shells, which are used for decoration. The large shells are charms.



transport, but after the missionary has arrived he finds himself confronted with many difficulties. The age-old customs and habits of heathenism form a serious barrier. However, the gospel "is the



Typical central New Guinea tribesmen, decorated with tiny shells and beetle wings. The large shells are charms against enemy arrows. (Below) Central New Guinea children at a new Adventist out-school among some of the wildest people of that island. Hundreds of these children are now attending such schools.



once was his practice as a naked and cruel savage, to take part in the evil council of his fellow savages.

There is born by the power of the gospel upon the savage heart the desire to learn of God and His word and to sing praises to Him, which means a desire to depart from the empty, hopeless, and often heartless dirges and moanings of the distressingly narrow circle of action that heathenism provides. This is no overdrawn picture, but is indeed one that is taking place in the lives of thousands who are realizing the power of the gos-

pel in their own lives. This power works from the heart and mind outwardly, which creates a desire for cleanliness. The state of a real heathen man has to be seen to be realized, a sight which brings revulsion to the mind of the new-comer, which turns to pity when he realizes that in the gospel of Jesus Christ there is an antidote. Not everyone in need will accept, of course; but many do. And what a great reward it brings to those who have been privileged humbly to help bring about the change!

Jesus said His gospel must go unto the "uttermost part" of the earth. This is exactly what is happening today. I have seen it for myself. I have seen Christ at work in New Guinea.

In God's world, for those who are in earnest, there is no failure. No work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was ever in vain.—*F. W. Robertson.*

JEWS INVADE CHINA

An Amazing Migration

by R. H. HARTWELL

THE legendary "wandering Jew" has been made real and multiplied at least 19,000 times in the city of Shanghai since the Semitic flights from Europe began. Having fled from Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, and finally from France, large numbers of Jewish refugees embarked on various ships hoping to find a welcome or at least a permit to land in some democratic land. Failing in this they hoped at least to find a temporary home in some country where they would be permitted to live on a level with other inhabitants of the same state. Refusal and disappointment met a very large number of them. One after another, shipments of elsewhere unwanted Jews began to land here in Shanghai.

The first arrivals were received with a feeling of pity, often unexpressed, by the general public in this city. By the time the arrivals had mounted up to the ten-thousand mark a certain foreign consul was heard to remark, "We do not know whether Hongkew is being taken over by the Japanese or by the Jews!" Of course this was said more or less humorously, and was meant to refer to the large number of each nationality which had moved into that section of Shanghai.

A recent visit to the Jewish refugee camps reveals the fact that the Jewish relief organization in this city has undertaken and so far carried out a mammoth piece of philanthropic work in the hous-

ing, feeding, and otherwise caring for those thousands of men, women, and children, who at least for the present are without a country.

At the present writing six refugee camps are caring for the needs of those who so far are unable to provide for themselves. This work is under the direction of the local Jewish committee, made up chiefly of prominent businessmen who are "old-timers" in Shanghai. Mr. L. I. Blaut, formerly a thrifty farmer in Germany, and now himself a refugee in Shanghai, is manager of the J. R. C. Homes, and has done a fine piece of work in behalf of his fellow refugees.

In visiting the camps, which they call "homes," I found a group of interesting and energetic people. They have prepared stoves, ovens, and other necessary equipment in as economical a way as possible and yet with an attempt to meet the needs of those who are not used to living under Far Eastern climate and conditions. In many things they have tried, with much success, to adopt—and where this has been impossible, to adapt—Chinese furnishings and fittings. This is especially noticeable in their toilet installations and their large cookstoves.

Mr. Blaut took much time and showed great politeness in explaining what had been done, and plans for improvement. On August 21, 1940, some 8,250 meals were served at the Ward Road camp at

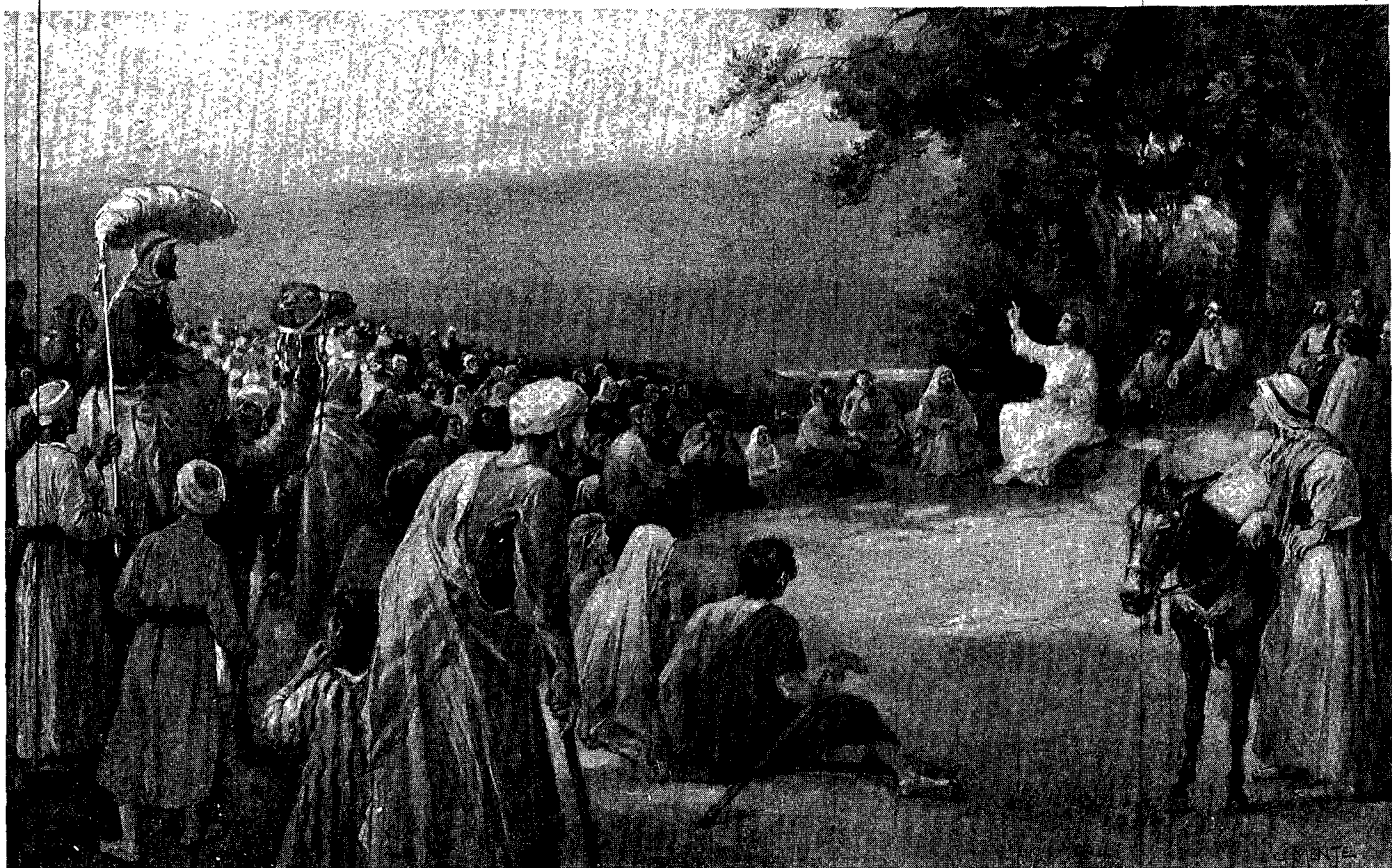
the noon hour. At that time about 2,100 persons were actually living in the home, and the others came in only for their meals, of which 18,000 are served daily. Those who can afford to pay a nominal price are asked to do so, and those who are unable to pay are in most cases provided for free of charge, or perhaps are asked to pay in part by working in the camp.

The camps all have synagogues arranged in a central location. The star of David is clearly in evidence in these synagogues. Hospital and pharmacy departments are also provided.

Many who were formerly well known as specialists in various fields are now refugees. A comedian, a circus "strong man," and many others who were high up in their professions are now unable to find an opportunity to use their talents to advantage. Some of these people are looking forward to the day when a brother, or some other relative in America, will have completed arrangements for them to go to the United States. Others have no definite plans.

Many of these "children of Israel" are to be seen daily wandering about Shanghai in an attempt to sell something. At first they sold things which they had brought with them from Europe, and when these were sold out they began to act as agents selling almost every line of goods imaginable. A large number of them sell such things as stockings, neckties, tablecloths, towels, etc. In many cases the stock is carried about in a suitcase. Some sell suit cloth. One young man who was having great difficulty to sell much of anything said, "I have to support my parents and myself, and I

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Man cannot save himself. The principles taught by Christ when on earth are man's only hope for relief from the curse of evil.

GOD'S WAY OUT

EVERYTHING that is wrong with the world will be set right through Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His own Son to be not only the personal Saviour of everyone that believeth, but to be the world's Redeemer, who will restore a sinful, sorrowing, and troubled world to its original, pure, trouble-free, happy condition.

There can be no question about His ability to do it, because all power in heaven and earth has been given unto Him. Matthew 28:18. The sure word of prophecy gives the assurance that "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth." Isaiah 42:4.

From the beginning of human history, the Almighty has exercised a controlling influence upon the course of human events. Again and again His voice has said to the tides of evil that have threatened to engulf mankind, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further." He has had, and has now, an eternal purpose to be realized and a definite program to be worked out in the world, for the accomplishment of which all opposing forces must give place.

Men today need as never before to pause in the midst of the feverish rush of events and consider that "the Lord

One Sure Remedy for the World's Tragic Condition

by JOHN L. SHULER

reigneth." When there is calamity, confusion, trouble, and destruction on every side; when the nations are raging, and the kingdoms are being moved, it is well to "be still, and know" that He is God.

The living still need to know, as in the days of old, that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:17. God ever has worked, is working, and ever will work "all things after the counsel of His own will," according to His eternal purpose. It is of supreme importance that we devote ourselves to such a study of the Bible that we may know what that purpose is, and how to identify ourselves with it.

When Christ's disciples came to Him with the question, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" He turned to them and solemnly said: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves

roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:25-28.

Anybody who will place this statement of Jesus Christ concerning what was to happen in the last days over against the conditions which now prevail among the nations and in society, will readily see that we are in the time to which this prophecy points. Above all other times of which we have heard, or seen, or read, or known, there is distress of nations today. Everywhere in the world, among all nations, and among all classes of men, there is distress.

In accordance with the words of Jesus, these things testify to the positive truth that we are about to "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

When men look at the things which are taking place upon the earth, the outlook is very dark. But we need not always be *looking at* the fearful conditions around us. We should *look up* toward God. Our Saviour knew what was com-

ing upon the earth. He foretold the distress that men would witness today. But He told His people that in such a time as this they should look up, and lift up their heads. The outlook may be dark, but the uplook will ever be bright and hopeful.

From a human standpoint, men are unable to see any effective remedy for earth's colossal, multitudinous problems. A leading American statesman, in a speech to Congress, recently declared that the present situation is "without precedent in human experience." After pointing out the many dangers that threaten civilization today, he asked, "Where is there a remedy?" His answer was, "There is none that mortal man can suggest, for the situation is absolutely unprecedented." But while man cannot devise a remedy, God has one already prepared.

Man cannot save himself. He can no more regenerate society than he can lift himself heavenward by tugging at his own bootstraps. He may evolve and formulate wise laws, good rules, and just agreements, which to some extent may relieve the world's troubles, but he is absolutely powerless to change the human heart, from which every form of evil springs. For this reason all human panaceas for the world's ills must fail of ultimate achievement.

The problem of producing an effective world remedy receives the same answer that the wise men gave Nebuchadnezzar when he required them to reveal his dream: "It is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." Daniel 2:11. The hope of the world lies in a higher power than human greatness and might. Deliverance can come only from some superhuman power.

No one need be discouraged because of man's apparent helplessness in the present difficult situation. It should only teach us our essential need of a divine Saviour, and cause us to reach out our hands to Him, with the cry of the disciples of old, "Lord, save us: we perish."

Men of the world recognize now that human wisdom and ability cannot save the world in this perilous hour. Deliverance must come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The editor of one great daily, the *Baltimore Sun*, declared that it ought to be clear to all, in the face of the international passion and hatred which "threaten what we call modern civilization, that not in worldly statesmanship, not in the learning of the schools, not in national might nor in the power of wealth, but in the Spirit of the Lord of the universe is salvation to be found. Only He can command the winds and the waves, the moral earthquake shocks and convulsions that seem about to overwhelm us."

President Roosevelt, writing on the subject of the inauguration of Loyalty Days, said, "There never has been a time in our history when there was deeper need for calling our people to faith in religion than at the present moment. In the present conflict between nations and races and their philosophies of human society, we must keep undimmed our perspective on spiritual value. . . . Upon them alone can the structure of our civilization rest in security and confidence."

People are stirred about the meaning of the world-shaking events of our day. The *Christian Advocate* of August 1, 1940, reported Dr. Roy L. Smith as saying, "We are desperately in need of a new perspective. *We need an interpreter and an interpretation.* If men will not think now, they will never think again."

A. A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, telling a Yale audience recently about some of the matters which their generation would face, said, "You will find great masses of men, without illusions, seeking and struggling for an idea of life which gives them hope." And what can give them true hope except the gospel of our Lord?

The *Ladies' Home Journal* in a recent editorial declared: "Confused, beaten down, dazed and discouraged, a bewildered world is calling as never before for the voice of a prophet to tell us the meaning of the times and the conditions."

If the word of God were restored to its rightful place, people would not be so utterly at sea regarding the meaning of present world conditions and the message of God found in that word for this hour.

More and more, men are becoming convinced that the only hope for this hour is the true religion of Christ.

Dr. D. H. Bauslin, of the Lutheran Church *Review*, says: "The supreme need of our land today is religion, a species of religion which will lead the people back into an unmistakable al-

legiance to Almighty God and His truth that is unchangeable. Amid the clamorous voices of this strange and confusing age there is no message more needed than that of God—His law, His plan of redemption for man."

If we would find the right way out of this perilous hour, we must look to God, and give heed to what He has to say unto us in His word at this time. The invitation of the ancient prophets comes to us now, "Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord." Ezekiel 33:30.

God has made provision for this unprecedented hour of the world's needs. He has One who can set the earth right, so that it will stay right. He has another Moses to send to this world.

The great lawgiver himself predicted: "A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you." Acts 3:22. This promised leader is Jesus Christ. He is heaven's appointed leader and commander for the people. Isaiah 55:4.

He is the great physician who can heal all earth's maladies. The fulfillment of every need of humanity centers in Him. He is the hope of the world.

The Father has purposed to send Jesus Christ back to this earth as the great restorer. Acts 3:20, 21. His return to earth is a necessary consummation to the divine program for the "restitution of all things." Nineteen hundred years ago the Father sent His blessed Son to this world, to live among men, to show them how to live, and then to die upon the cross to save them. We are now nearing the close of the Christian age, when the Father will send His Son back to earth the second time, to restore man to his primeval purity and perfection, and to bring the earth back to its original splendor.

The relief of the present degradation and desolation of the world lies in the coming of this divinely appointed



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Leader, to take the government upon His shoulder, to rule and reign in righteousness; for then, and not till then, will every world problem find its final solution. Whether men realize it or not, the coming of this Promised One is the only arrangement that can fulfill the world's needs.

When we understand what the Scriptures teach, we joyfully recognize that the coming of the Lord means "reunion for the parted, health to the sick, land for the landless, habitations for the homeless, plenty for the destitute, sight for the blind, hearing for the deaf, speech for the dumb, youth for the aged, liberty for the captives, riches for the poor, beauty for ashes, immortality for mortality, life for the dead, peace for the troubled, the oil of joy for mourning, rest for the weary, gladness for the sorrowing, songs for the sighing, society for the friendless, perfect bodies for the crippled, crowns for crosses, light for darkness, strength for weakness, harmony for discord, with an eternal inheritance in the kingdom of God for all His ransomed people."

While the coming of the Lord will mark the end of this world as we know it, it will also herald the dawn of a better day. For in the place of this troubled, perplexed, distressed world, in due time, by the hand of Christ's own reconstructive power, there will blossom forth a new world—a world in which every economic problem has been solved, every wrong righted, and every obstacle to the pursuit of happiness removed. Sin, poverty, disease, war, and death will have been forever banished.

No matter how dense the darkness becomes, the hope of Christ's return will shine on with an ever-increasing light. When you know the blessed truths of Scripture about His cross and His imminent return, you will be able to look up in encouragement, while the world is looking down in discouragement.

Thus the message comes to us: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come

with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you." Isaiah 35:3, 4.

Jews Invade China

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would rather do it this way than by begging." One young woman told how her baby had died, but that her husband had been released from a detention camp and had arrived in Shanghai, but he had bad lungs so that she must continue to go about trying to sell things. One family is acting as a caretaker, watching the property of a Chinese dairy. Many young women are serving in well-to-do homes as nursemaids. But so far, only a portion of the vast throng has been able to find anything like satisfactory employment.

And why are these people, many of whom have large talent and ability, forced to locate in Shanghai under such abnormal conditions? One cannot but recall that prediction of the prophet Moses made millenniums ago: "If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful. . . . *And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other.* . . . And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: in the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart where-with thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see." Deuteronomy 28:58-67.

To how many thousands of Jews these words of Moses have come literally true will never be known, but what a tale of woe many have been able to tell since the

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day that their forefathers thoughtlessly cried, "His blood be on us, and on our children."

The grief pent up in the hearts of these refugees is incalculable, but we are certain that any kindness shown to them will not go unrewarded. Some day, before very long, Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven with all His host of shining angels, and to those who have remembered the needy He will say, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40.

His Coming Certain

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connection with the coming of the Lord, it is evident that the doctrine of the second coming of Christ is a most important doctrine and vitally affects every life. It is inconceivable that any real Christian should be unaffected by the news of the soon return of his Lord. As well might one have said at the time of Christ's first coming that he was not interested in the fact that the Christ-child had been born in Bethlehem. Who at that time among God's true people could have been unmoved by the fact that the world's Redeemer had made His appearance upon the earth! Surely no Christian worthy of the name; no more can anyone now who loves the Lord be unmoved by the fact that He is coming again, and that the signs foretold that He is coming soon—yes, very soon.

We are well aware of the fact that some have cast disrepute upon this doctrine by unwise and extravagant interpretations and wild predictions. This is in line with Satan's general plan of obscuring the true doctrine. Because of these extravagances some truehearted Christians have felt they should proceed with caution when the subject of the second coming of the Lord is broached. Nevertheless the event is of such surpassing importance that we

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must not let anything stand in the way of a thorough and systematic study of the subject.

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Facing Catastrophe

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that there is a message of hope for those who will believe. There is a rock of truth upon which we can stand with full confidence. Faith transcends the realm of science. It takes us into a region that science cannot penetrate.

Of this realm we read: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

God has spoken to the people of this skeptical age through His word. Those who will reach out in faith may find certainty and assurance. We need not live in hopeless despair. There is certainty in the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is assurance in the Bible message for these days.

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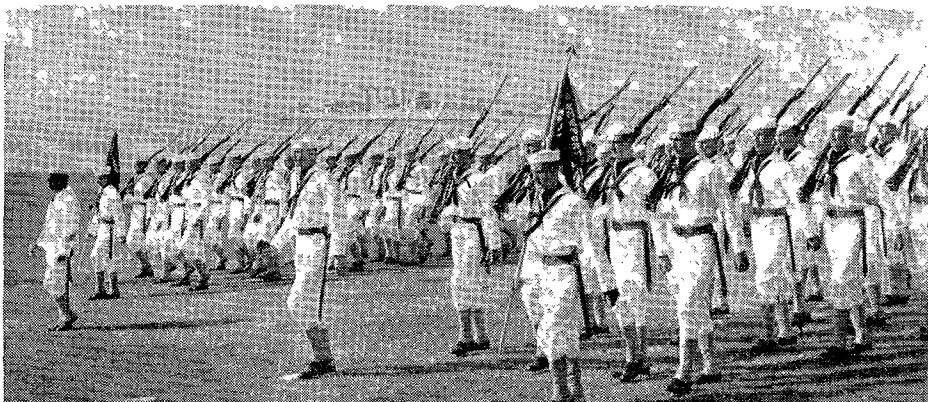
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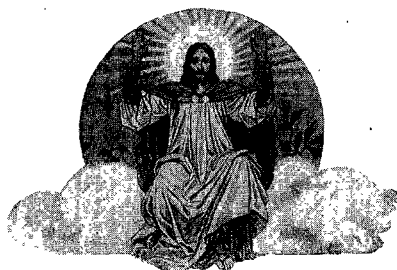
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The HOPE That WILL NOT FAIL

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CHARLES SPURGEON, the great London preacher, once said, "The second coming of our Lord is a good window to look through—it is the window of hope." Let us go a step further and say that the coming of our Lord is not only a good window to look through, but it is the *only* window. Through that window comes the only light that gives hope to men today. Every other hope upon which men have built has failed them.

The Hope of Philosophy has failed. Philosophy was the hope of the ancients. It set out to solve "the riddle of the universe." It was believed that philosophy would find a solution to every problem, and devise a remedy for every ill, but it proved a will-o'-the-wisp. Never was philosophy so thoroughly systematized and so ably expounded as it was in the days of Socrates, and never was society more corrupt. The ruins of ancient Greece bear witness to the weakness and eventually the failure of philosophy.

The Hope of Human Government has failed. The Roman Empire experimented for many centuries and tried several different forms of government, but each in turn failed to accomplish the desired effects, and the last state of that empire was worse than the first. Everything from absolute monarchy to absolute socialism has already been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Every possible form of human government has been tried, each new one proving to be as unsuccessful as those that preceded it. There is nothing new in the political ideas of today's dictators. The new "isms" are only adapted forms of old philosophies—and are doomed to failure.

The Hope of Legislation has failed. It was the dream of Plato that he could establish an ideal republic by compiling and enforcing a perfect code of laws. But we know it is as impossible to make people righteous by law, as for a leopard to change his spots at a command. No power can legislate purity into a people. That comes only through individual choice coupled with divine aid. God Himself gave to Israel a perfect code of law on Mount Sinai. And with what results? No sooner was that law given than it was broken. The

children of Israel declared, "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." Exodus 24:7. But trusting in their own strength, failure was inevitable. Their failure testifies to the impotency of even a perfect code of law to save humanity and to right the world. Lawmakers recognize that the multiplicity of statutes at the present time is ineffective in staying the tidal waves of crime.

The Hope of Civilization has failed. During the past few decades we have heard much about "the progress of civilization." It was expected that "through the upward strides of civilization the masses were to be educated and reformed, war was to be abolished, and all mankind was to be welded into one great brotherhood, living together in peace and good will." It was thought that according to the principle of evolution—progress from the lower to the higher—as applied to the human race as a whole, it would soon be found that the world had outgrown all the barbarities of the past. Today we see those old barbarities breaking through the thin veneer of civilization.

"The present World War with its unmentionable horrors and its barbaric ruthlessness has awakened a lethargic humanity to the utter insufficiency of all merely human expediences, and has demonstrated that 'civilization' is nothing more than a high-sounding but empty title."

Man's fondest hopes and long-cherished dreams of bringing in the golden age have proved to be phantoms. The insufficiency and failure of human plans and panaceas serve only to furnish a background upon which, by way of contrast, the certainty and sufficiency of the "blessed hope" of the imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ may shine forth more prominently and gloriously. "He who in the beginning brought cosmos out of chaos, and light out of darkness, is the only One who can transform this old weary, sin-smitten, tear-stained earth into a sinless, happy paradise." Blessed are they who look through the window of hope and prepare themselves for "the glorious appearing" of our Lord Jesus Christ.