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Is Uncle Sam's Navy Junk?

American Warships Totally Unfit For Service, According to
Henry Reuterdahl's Amazing Criticisms—Cause of
the Latest Navy Controversy and the Good It
May Do—Bad Effects of Padlocking
Naval Men's Mouths.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

W^AR broke out in the United States navy only a few days after the great fleet of sixteen battleships sailed for the Pacific. Happily the war is being fought in the bureaus at Washington and with words instead of swords. The outcome may be nothing more than a lot of talking, and it may be a complete reorganization of the navy.

The war opened when Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson fired at President Roosevelt his resignation as chief of the bureau of navigation, a highly important naval post. The president fired back an acceptance, immediately appointing Commander Cameron McRae Winslow to succeed Brownson temporarily and later giving the permanent post to Captain John E. Pillsbury. With Brownson's resignation the fighting began along the whole line, chiefly from masked batteries, because officers of the navy cannot stand in the open and fight in an effort of this kind without making themselves liable to court martial.

And right here may be found a basic reason for the weakness of the American navy, if it is weak, as charged in the indictment.

Admiral Brownson resigned because Surgeon General Presley M. Rixey of the navy, with the president's approval, insisted upon the appointment of a doctor to command a ship in the service. To be sure, it is not a fighting ship. It is a hospital ship, useful after a fight and frequently quite handy after a fumble. Dr. Stokes, the naval surgeon who is to command the hospital ship Relief, is educated in medicine and surgery, but what he does not know about navigating a ship is obvious. Admiral Brownson, who is backed up by the rest of the officers whose education is technically naval, holds

totally unfit to cope with the battleships of other nations. Mr. Reuterdahl also severely arraigns the bureau system, which he holds responsible for these alleged mistakes in construction, and earnestly recommends an advisory board. Says Mr. Reuterdahl:

"What is needed is quite clear. The secretary of the navy, being a civilian, generally with a short term of office, must have expert advisers. There must be a board behind him whose opinion he is legally authorized by congress to accept. This board, in the first place, must know exactly the views of the actual seagoing service. In the second place, it must have no hand itself in carrying out the details of its own advice. It must delegate this to others. Every country in the world but ours has a body of this kind at the head of its navy, and it is this which President Roosevelt in 1903 recommended that congress provide for ours."

Criticisms of Guns and Armor.

As to construction, Mr. Reuterdahl declares that the guns in our ships are placed too low to do effective shooting, particularly in rough seas. The protective armor, he says, is chiefly below the water line, whereas it should extend up to cover exposed parts. This critic lays stress upon the fact that the gun turrets are placed directly above the powder magazines, with an opening from turret to magazine, so that in the heat of action there is great danger of the ship blowing itself up by sparks dropping into the magazine. He cites several instances of disasters from this very cause during gun practice.

According to this authority, American inventive genius is ignored. Our inventors, unable to get their ideas adopted by our navy, go abroad and adopted by our navy, go abroad and

of their own ground. The Bureau system has been the growth of years. It is a machine, an automaton, working along the lines of least resistance, and the belts which control its wheels are made of red tape.

Article 252 of the navy regulations is the padlock. Under this regulation any officer of the navy or any employee of the navy department is forbidden to make public any opinion or expression concerning any policy or person in the navy or in the department. Under the working of this regulation let us suppose that a certain officer knows absolutely that the construction of a ship is faulty, that the pattern is archaic, that the craft will be as perilous to its own crew as to an enemy. He must keep his opinions on the subject padlocked. He must make no public protest. That is the situation in the American navy and navy department today.

How does it happen? Red tape.

During the early days of the civil war Secretary Gideon Welles of the navy department the benevolent looking old gentleman with the chin whiskers whose likeness we observe in the history books, promulgated the order. It was a wise order for wartime, inasmuch as many merchant mariners were becoming naval officers in the emergency, and some of them were inclined to talk too much. The war closed, the reason for regulation No. 252 passed away, but the regulation remained. It remains still. Under its influence as a curb of protest it is conceivable that an insane man in authority might build a battleship out of cheese, with funnels of butter, and send the craft on a cruise to equatorial heat.

England's Opposite Course.

Protest is now raised against article 252 of the navy regulations. It is stated by those informed on the subject that Great Britain makes a special effort to have her naval officers express opinions on points of vital interest to the navy. That is the opposite course to ours.

In recent years a considerable quantity of official red tape has been reeled up and thrown overboard at Washington. The general intention seems to be to make each governmental department as businesslike as possible, holding fast to that which is good, but taking that which is not good by the nape of the neck and chuckling it into outer darkness. Of course it is quite possible to go too fast and too far in this, but with the general public discussion which follows or accompanies every reform to serve as a balance wheel the chances are that no irretrievable mistakes will be made. Now that the president and influential members of congress on both sides of the partisan fence have expressed their determination to reorganize the navy it is to be hoped that the padlock will be taken off the mouths of those on the inside.

But even if it be true, as charged, that our battleships are more imposing than formidable—and the charge remains to be proved—the American manhood aboard them stacks up quite favorably with the human element in any other navy, and Mr. Reuterdahl's plain language is not likely to invite an attack from a foreign power.

DIRE DISASTERS TO COME.

J. F. Crowell Thinks American Speculation Will Lead to Anarchy.

Revolution in America which will make the French revolution look like a tempest in a teapot, the confiscation of great wealth and estates wrongfully acquired and general chaos as a result of abnormal and unsound speculation were recently predicted at Chicago by Dr. J. F. Crowell, once associate editor of the Wall Street Journal and chairman of the social and economic section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Chicago dispatch to the New York Sun.

After considering the field of legitimate speculation which he said, did not include the domain of manufactures, agriculture, transportation and banking, Mr. Crowell said:

"The encroachment of the speculative spirit upon these industrial and commercial fields spells danger. The leaders of great enterprises today probably do not adequately appreciate the smoldering fury of the discontent which their own management of business has steadily engendered in the hearts of a thinking populace.

"There are dangers in this direction which the hollowness of corporate greed has done more than anything else to bring to a crisis in American society.

"The statement attributed to R. T. Crane to the effect that conditions in the United States parallel those before the French revolution is true, with this difference—that the French revolution was a tempest in a teapot compared with what might happen here in America."

A Submarine Carrier.

It is reported that the construction of a novel type of vessel has recently been arranged for by Japanese officials, the builders being Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Maxim. This vessel will be used for the transport to Japan of two submarines now under construction, says the Engineer. In addition to this duty of transport, the ship is to be so designed that it can take the submarines into action.

Baby Show by Clubwomen.

Clubwomen in San Francisco, according to a special dispatch to the New York World, will give a baby show to prove that clubs are not responsible for divorces.

Erie Railway's Pension System.
Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.

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ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:
Brother, your manhood is assailed!
Brothers, 'tis said that you have failed
To keep the peace which you began.
When freedom said: "He is a man."
Higher plains must now be won.
Rouse up! the world is gazing on;
Bestir you ere your chance is gone!
Fall in! Black Phalanx.

Behold you other, grand array
Noble march no mortal hand can stay;
Their ranks like walls of granite prove,
With sturdy strides they upward move.
And scattered only here and there
A black face shows among the fair,
Few dusky sons the vanguard share—
Front! Face! Black Phalanx.

Internal strife must disappear,
Traducers cease to snub and sneer;
Foul envy who with deadly aim,
Drives home her dagger dipped in shame,
Must, by the rays of learning's lamp,
Be driven from our restles camp;
Then we will hear one solid tramp—
Close up! Black Phalanx.

From strong and elevated fort
The guns of foes give loud report;
Their missiles mercilessly fall;
But let them strike one solid wall.
Let sense of right your hearts inspire,
Let firmness cool the toman's ire;
Men waver not beneath their fire—
Steady! Black Phalanx.

Now move in our unbroken line
And leave results to One Divine,
Our men who cowardly go down.
The world will spurn and God will frown.
Put selfish motives down beneath
And march to victory though 'twere death,
And shout with the last expiring breath—
Forward! Black Phalanx.

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The Recorder.

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Writer Gives Valuable Advice Concerning Colored Press.

Permit me to say a few words through the medium of your paper concerning the benefits our race derives from the Negro papers. In my opinion the editors of our race journals are among the greatest benefactors which the Negro people have.

It is my good pleasure to have fifty Negro papers to come to my office each week and while it is not possible even with the assistance of a secretary to read closely all of these, yet we manage to look briefly at all of them and thereby keep ourselves posted in the doings of our people in every section of our great country. We would not under any circumstances be without the information which these papers bring; they tell us of the better side of life, and the wonderful progress which the race is making against the many trying odds which are against us.

We are not in sympathy with the unfavorable criticism some time made against our race journals because they do not furnish as much reading matter at a small price as do the daily papers but it is a fact that very little is said by the daily papers about the virtue and good qualities of our people, while the crimes of bad members of the race appear under glowing headlines, and were it not for the fact that our Negro Editor inform themselves and bring before the Negro people the noble achievements of the race we would become discouraged and give up the task of building up a strong progressive race of people. The ministers of the gospel are doing a great work and I do not underestimate their value when I say that they are largely dependent upon the Negro papers for much of the information which they give out from time to time, and yet some of them do not subserve and pay for a paper published by their own people, nor do they make an effort to extend the circulation of such journals as are fighting the battles of the race. Three or four hundred Negro papers published in the United States are to the race what our mighty navy is to our great government, and will if given the support they deserve be able to repeal red tape, in friendly, unmanly attack made against us.

Y^ou will pardon my seeming diversion, but I desire to bring out the above sentiments, so that you may have something to compare our Indianapolis young men with. I want you to think out (not out loud, but to yourself) how many are "weighed down" by the color line. My present essay will deal specifically with the young men who pose as "social lights." I think most of them come nearer being "social shadows." At least, that's what we girls think, for we find very little substance to them.

What has become of the gallantry our fathers had? How many of our young men practice social calling? Most of our homes may as well be mausoleums, so far as the calls made to them. Is it a question of car fare? It certainly cannot be attributed to the lack of hospitality. For we are only too glad to receive callers. If the young men do make calls, they select some particular home where the girls are "fascinating," and they wear a path out (and they're welcome, too) going there. Why do they not call on some of our quiet, family girls once in a while?

So far as "taking a girl out" goes, why our boys often dodge taking a girl to church. And that is only car fare (often not that) and a small coin in the collection basket. Chances are they will either evade the street car or the collection basket.

Let there be a party, concert, or "assembly," it is a caution to see the young men "stag" it. They go alone and to their discredit, they come away alone. Despite the breach of etiquette, many of us would gladly consent to them "seeing us home," at the late hours. But they do not even ask that permission. We girls must be each others "beau," or else go alone. We often do the latter, though I confess it is embarrassing. Marriage! What kind of husbands will such young men make? Occasionally one breaks into matrimony." That's all. A cheap beau, he makes a cheap husband. The wife has the alternative of going to work or applying for a divorce.

As a bit of advice, I say, young men of Indianapolis, turn over a new leaf and do better. It is no wonder that our race is called "weak" when our young men are no stronger. I do not know what becomes of your money. Most of you draw good salaries, but you cannot write a check for five dollars five days after pay day. And you don't spend your money on us girls.

The Baptist Vanguard.

CALL ISSUED

Colored Citizens of Boston Promote Meeting

BOSTON, Mass.—A call for a meeting of colored citizens to be held at Philadelphia on April 1 has been sent out to representative colored men all over the country by the Rev. William H. Scott, president of the Suffrage League of Boston and vicinity; Bishop Alexander Walters, president of the National Afro-American Council, and William Monroe Trotter, president of the New England Constitution and Suffrage League.

The call says the conference is to have special reference to demands to be made of political parties to plat forms for the next national election and to determine what conditions for the presidential nomination most deserve the support of the colored voters.

Jan. 18 In History.

1722—Daniel Webster born at Salisbury, N. H.; died 1852.

1811—Richard Yancey, war governor of Illinois, and afterward United States senator, born in Warsaw, Ky.; died 1873.

1871—King William of Prussia, crowned emperor of Germany at Versailles.

1905—Strike of the cotton mill operators at Fall River, Mass., which began July 25, 1904, settled through the mediation of Governor Douglas.

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FROM
OUR CORRESPONDENTS,

News, Incidents, Social + and + Personal Activities

Norwood

Eliza Hayes laid covers for the annual ball given under the auspices of the Lebanon Dancing club at Lochnair hall Wednesday.....Lebanon Literary Society was organized last week and Freeman Waldron was made chairman. An interesting program was rendered Monday evening.....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, of Frankford, spent Monday evening here.... Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson gave a watch party on Tuesday night. They had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Dave Valentine, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.....Mrs. Carrie Crutchfield has sent her daughter, Lucille, to school. Mrs. Crutchfield returned to her home at Danville Tuesday afternoon.....Mrs. Edw Robinson visited her brother, Chas. Valentine, of Noblesville, during the during the holidays.....Mrs. Walter Fleming, of Columbus, Ohio spent a few days during the holidays at the suburban home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James King.....Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith and daughter were in Thorn'down, Monday.....Messrs George Lindsey and Cannon were in Crawfordsville Monday.....The children of George Lindsey have the measles.

MT. VERNON

The Booker T. Washington school has now the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Twenty-one are in the High school. The school will give a series of three acts, "Lincoln's Proclamation" at the Masonic Opera House about February 22.....The M. E. Sunday school is in fine shape. It is because the school has an aggressive leader. The school has twelve classes and all are properly named.....Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Rudy entertained at dinner to Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Benson

MEMPHIS

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, are the proud parents of a five month old daughter.....Meadames Pat M. Thompson, Della Evans, Anna Adams and Lydia Hunter Master Luther Adams are on the sick list.....Already two deaths have been made here, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Evans, on Monday evening in their eldest daughter, Pearl, after a short illness of forty-four hours. She was five months of age. The funeral occurred New Year's day. On Sunday evening Mrs. Laesha Thompson, of Albert Thompson, died of pneumonia. She was twenty-six months of age. She leaves a husband, two daughters, three sisters two brothers, of Horse Cave, to mourn her loss. The funeral took place at the Baptist church Tuesday, the Rev. McElroy officiating. The burial took place at Tower Hill Cemetery. All from out of town were at the ceremony.....Geo. of Sandusky, Ohio, is spending a few weeks here visiting his Mrs. Rachel Scott, and his son Jerome, of Lear Charles

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CEMENTVILLE, IND

Rev. Mr. Bowen held services in the M. E. church Sunday. A series of meetings are now being conducted.....The entertainment at Wm. Hall's was a success.....Mrs. Ella Saunders, of Albany, is making her home at her mother's residence.....will be baptizing at Silver Creek, Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Seventeen converts of the Baptist church.....Miss Bertha Lee spent a few days in Jefferson as the guest of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee.....Willie Graves, Miss Wright and Mrs. Adeline are on the sick list.....Dr. S. of Indianapolis, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, of last week.

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IRVINGTON, IND.

Mrs. Lucy Averett and Arthur Ward returned from Hartsville, Tenn., Monday....Mrs. Dolly Lewis, of Jeffersontown, Ky., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alice Luton, in Rawls avenue.....Mrs. Anna Beechum, after spending the holidays in Hoginsville, Ky., returned home Tuesday.....Jacob Nelson Turner and Mrs. Nettie Harris were quietly married Tuesday.....Mrs. George F. Dungey Grand Lecturer of the Court of Calantha, was the guest of Euclid Court Tuesday night.....Willie Billups is on the sick list.....Less Compton, of Jeffersonville, is the guest of his uncle, Preston Compton....Edw. Young spent a week in Spiceland on business.....Theresa Compton, who been in Mansfield, Ohio, for the past four months, has returned home Tuesday.....Mrs. Zck Ward, who has been sick for the past six weeks, is able to be out again.....Enoch Fry and Harvey Hightough entertained a number of friends at a party at the residence of the former in honor of Thomas Compton of Mansfield, O., Thursday evening. They were assisted by Miss Pansy Brock and Oliver Fry. The rooms were beautifully decorated with bunting, Japanese lanterns and potted flowers. Delicate refreshments were served. Games were played and music was rendered....Rev. Mr. Carothers, of Whitely, filled the 1st Baptist church Sunday morning.....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hanly, of Smithtown. Covers were laid for seven.

SOUTH BEND NOTES

The A. M. E. church is succeeding under the leadership of Rev. Alexander Smith. The able sermons were delivered Sunday by the Rev. George T. Nusson, Carthage, Ind. Collection for the day was \$21.00. The new choir furnished excellent music under the direction of Mrs. Barber.....Kimble Black returned Saturday after spending New Year's with his wife at Indianapolis.....Howard Neeson spent Monday at Benton Harbor....One of the swellest of affairs in this city took place New Year's day at the residence of Dr. L. L. Robert, in Taylor street when his brother, Dr. Carl Robert, an intergetic and promising young doctor of Chicago ill, was married to Miss Lucille Williams, also of Chicago. The ceremony was performed at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Alexander Smith officiated. During the marriage ceremony, Mrs. Grant Barbour, softly sang "O Promise Me." Jessie Johnson was the best man and Miss Grace Tomlinson, of Chicago, was the maid of honor. The bride wore a gown of white organdy over white silk, and carried a large cluster of white roses. An elaborate dinner followed the ceremonies. The table was beautifully decorated. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts received a number of beautiful presents. Those present were Mrs. Eliza Keen, of St. Joseph, Mrs. Nancy Roberts, of Acadia, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Gran Barber and Mr. and Mrs. Price. Dr. and Mrs. Robert left Friday morning for Chicago, their future home.

Westfield

Mr. Robert J. Coleman, of Henderson, Ky., formerly of Boston, S. Dakota, spent last week as the guest of Miss Lenora J. Carter.....Miss Celia R. Drake, of Anderson, spent a few days of last week as the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Gray and friends.....A number of persons spent a pleasant day at the home of Albert Carter and family last Wednesday.....Albert Carter, who has been on the sick list is much improved.....Miss Lenora J. Carter returned to Terre last Saturday to resume her school Monday.

LAFAYETTE

Meadames Amanda Edwards, Nancy Scott and Gertrude Motley are on the sick list.....Mrs. Smith and daughter have returned to their home in New Albany, Ind., after spending the holidays as the guests of Rev. M. W. Sparks.....The G. U. O. O. F. lodges have moved into their new hall on West Main street where they have very pleasant quarters.....Harry Clark and wife, of South Grant street, have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Indianapolis.....The "Peak Sisters" was Monday evening given for the benefit of the A. M. E. church by local talent assisted by Mrs. Smith, of New Albany. The audience was delighted and the play was a financial success.....Mrs. L. Jamison, of Indianapolis, is in the city.....Mrs. Martha Motley has returned from a visit to friends in Tennessee.....

NOBLESVILLE NOTES

The prettiest event of the holidays was the pop corn party given by Miss Fern Hedgepath to a few friends last Wednesday evening and an enjoyable time was had. The ladies present were Misses Eva and Ella Avery, Ina Roper, Bulah S. Stone, and Lucy B. Dokes; and Messrs. Isaac Armstrong, Orville Stewart, H. J. Carter, Earl Stewart, B. Armstrong, Chas. Avery and J. A. Colter.....The people here spent a nice holiday and have now settled down to work again.....Miss Ethel Bassett is out again after several weeks of illness.....Watch meeting was held at both churches.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—First Quarter, For Jan. 12, 1908.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John 1, 19-34. Memory Verses, 29, 30—Golden Text, John 1, 29—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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The record or testimony or witness of John—for it is the same word—was wholly concerning Christ. When the priests and Levites asked, "Who art thou?" he had nothing to say of himself except that he was a voice in the wilderness preparing the way of the Lord and thus fulfilling prophecy. We, too, are witnesses, and our testimony must be concerning Him who is the faithful and true witness (Acts 1, 8; Rev. 1, 5; 11, 14). We do not bear witness to Moses or the prophets, but unite with them in bearing witness to Him, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins (Acts 10, 43). Moses attended three schools, the infant school at home with his mother, the schools of Egypt till he was forty years old, then a special school of God as shepherd for Jethro till he was eighty, but even then, although he had long before turned his back upon the wealth and position which might have been his in Egypt, we hear him saying to God, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" The "Not I" lesson seems a very difficult one for some of us. Although John was very small in his own estimation, he was "great in the sight of the Lord," and in the spirit and power of Elijah he was the herald of Israel's Messiah. Had they but received him he would have been Elijah to them, and they would then have received Jesus as their Messiah, and the kingdom would have come (Matt. 14-19).

Having rejected John and Jesus, too, the kingdom still awaits the coming of Elijah, and the second coming of Christ (Matt. xvi, 10-13; Acts 20, 21). It would seem as if the time was very near, for the wisdom which is not of God has no use for the Christ of the Scriptures or His hearty endorsement if Moses and the prophets. It might truly be said today to many a preacher and his congregation, "There standeth one among you whom ye know not" (verse 20). They know Him not as the Saviour, for they think to save themselves by their own religiousness; therefore they cannot know Him as their Lord. As to His coming again, that is to them the height of folly and an idle tale.

Jesus, having returned from His wilderness conflict with the devil and his forty days of fasting, went to meet John at the Jordan to be baptized of him. When John saw Him he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (verse 20). This is the great cry which the world needs to hear now, for probably two-thirds of all on the earth have not yet heard of Him who takes away sin. The title "Lamb of God" takes us back to Eden, where He Himself, by the shedding of blood, provided redemption clothing for Adam and Eve and taught them the way of approach to Him, then on to all the sacrifices commanded by God, all of which typified the great and only sacrifice that can take away sin, even the sacrifice of Himself. No shedding of blood of animals can take away sin, but He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, and after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever sat down on the right hand of God (Heb. ix, 28-29; x, 11-14). Then see in Rev. v the Lamb in the midst of the throne, as it had been slain, but now omnipotent and omniscient (having seven horns and seven eyes), and hear the song of the redeemed, "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth." Note also the song of the millions of angels. How wonderful the name "Lamb of God!" How great the kingdom and the glory! He is none other than the Son of God (verse 34). To Him God has given a name which is above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come (Phil. ii, 9; Eph. ii, 21). All who receive Him not only have the forgiveness of sins, but become children of God and joint heirs with Him of all His glory (Rom. viii, 16-18). His first two recorded utterances after He came in the flesh should be specially treasured and practiced by all. His redeemed, "I must be about my Father's business," and "Suffer it to be so now" (Luke ii, 49; Matt. iii, 15). His first covers all our service, and the second includes all the seemingly unnecessary things we are called to do or bear for Him.

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Jan. 13 In History.

1689—Montesquieu, celebrated traveler and author in France; died 1755. 1763—Alva, duke of (Fernando Alvarez de Toledo), noted and notorious Spanish general under Charles V. and Philip II.; died; born 1508. 1737—John Hancock, Bostonian and "signer" of the Declaration of Independence; died 1793. 1801—Baron Georges Eugene Haussmann, famous engineer, died in Paris. 1806—Sir Mountstuart Duff, noted Scotch writer, well known by his series of diaries covering the latter half of the nineteenth century, died in London; born 1828.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.
Sun sets, 4:52; rises, 7:18. Moon sets, 2:55 a.m. Moon's age, 11 days. 1 a.m., all Jupiter's moons missing.

Jan. 14 In History.

1730—William Whipple, American soldier and jurist, "signer" for New Hampshire in the Declaration of Independence; died 1775. 1784—American congress ratified the Paris peace of 1763 with Great Britain.

1802—Revolution in Hawaii; Queen Liliuokalani deposed.

1907—Earthquake disaster at Kingston, Jamaica; business part of the city destroyed; about 2,000 lives lost and the property loss estimated at \$13,000,000.

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Jan. 15 In History.

1716—Philip Livingston, "signer" for New York, both in Albany; died 1778.

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Jan. 17 In History.

1776—Benjamin Franklin, American scientist and statesman, born in Boston; died 1790.

Franklin early engaged in printing and published an almanac which became famous and was copied by many others.

He invented a wood stove, discovered the identity of Hayes.

He invented the lightning rod, and served the colonies in London, and afterward during the Revolution. He was a member of the Continental Congress and helped frame the United States constitution.

1771—Charles Brockden Brown, noted early American novelist, born in Philadelphia; died 1810.

1783—Battle of the Cowpens.

1822—General Rutherford Birchard Hayes, ex-president of the United States, died at Fremont, O.; born 1822.

1907—Margaret Young, widow of the late Mormon president, Brigham Young, died at Deseret, Utah; born 1823.

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