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### "OPEN! OPEN! 'TIS THE LORD"

By R. F. PAINE.

**A** WHOLE people crushed.

A nation, progressive, industrious, reduced from its honorable position as one of "the great powers" almost to the rank of one of civilization's "burdens."

Over a century of honest endeavor for civilized progress wiped out in a day by earthquake, typhoon, tidal wave and fire. Banks, schools, factories, stores and public buildings demolished. Hundreds of thousands of homes vanished. Financial resources paralyzed by ruin of banks and insurance companies. Harbors wrecked and commerce prostrate. The dead pitched into the flames, so that no man can know whom he shall mourn and whom he has left to love. Vast multitudes of men, women and children homeless, hungry and dying from thirst.

It is prosperous America's opportunity! God knocks on her door. It is now written that she may take a grand, beautiful part toward the coming of the brotherhood of man.

To be sure, the victim of the raging elements is Japan. There is a considerable element of Americans who don't want Japanese among them. The diplomats have proclaimed that, before long, Americans and Japanese would engage in bloody war on the Pacific, with the blood-lust stirred up by trade greed and racial hatred, as usual. Statesmen have convened and done their mite toward prevention. But back of, and stronger than diplomats, statesmen, jingoes and militarists have been, is the soul of the masses of the two peoples, and never yet has the soul of the American people failed to generously respond, whether the cry came from Africa, China, Russia or elsewhere.

Fellow Americans, now is our time. Our potential enemy, if you please to call her so, is in the depths of misery. Let's lift her up! She cannot take our trade. Let's help her men and bolster up her financial institutions! She cannot fight us. Let's feed and build homes for her hungry women and children! She cannot regain her feet without our helping hand. Let's give her both hands! Let's say that our stricken enemy is our brother! Let's write it into history, for all time, that America casts off whatever of greed, envy, fear, racial antipathy and puts her soul into work that Jesus Christ wanted done!

Open! Open! God knocks on your door. And Indiana, as a whole, is doing her bit. Have you?

### "—AN' THE REDS'LL GETCHA, IF —"

**T**WENTY thousand weird words have been released for publication this week under the apparent authority of the United Mine Workers of America, whose headquarters are in Indianapolis.

It would be interesting to know whether President John L. Lewis saw them before they were turned loose upon us unfending newspaper editors. They tell an awful tale. Briefly, it appears that only the miners' press agent stands between these United States and the all-devouring Bolsheviks of Russia.

"It is a situation," says the press agent, "that challenges not only organized labor, but every employer as well. This is one occasion when labor and the employer might very well join hands and fight together instead of fighting each other."

Be it said for the press agent that he seems prepared to make the first advance, that he is quite ready apparently to join hands with the employer and fight the fight. He ought to reach his white hand out first to the chairman of the citizenship committee of the American Bar Association. That eminent legal luminary has just announced that there are 1,500,000 "reds" in America. Questioned as to his figures by an awe-struck newspaper, he explains that he includes Magnus Johnson and other United States Senators among the "reds!"

This A. B. A. chairman will be interested in the miners' press agent's assertion that Nikolai Lenin, having considerable idle time on his hands in Russia, is devoting his personal attention to the capture of the United Mine Workers, and, having more money than he knows what to do with, is sending millions to America for this purpose.

The press agent's breadth of view should appeal to the A. B. A. chairman, too. He doesn't confine his condemnation to the lowly Lithuanians in the mine fields nor to the William Z. Fosters in the labor movement. It includes Norman Hapgood, Felix Frankfurter and others who have been endeavoring to apply the United States Constitution to the political prisoners who are still in jail. He doesn't mention Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, who has been doing the same thing, nor President Coolidge, who has expressed sympathy with the latter's efforts, but that doubtless was because he had only twenty thousand words at his disposal this time.

### TEACHERS ARE TO BE ENVIED

**T**EACHERS are to be envied. An editor, for instance, sends out into the world various words of what he likes to think is wisdom. Here and there a word may fall on the fertile soil of a mind.

The teacher is more fortunate. She plants the seed even in the most unwilling heads. She has the satisfaction of seeing it grow. If she lives long enough she sees the fruit of her sowing in worthy men and women.

Therefore, we envy Indianapolis teachers their privilege to return to school to continue their useful sowing. And when we say this do not lose sight of the fact that teachers are underpaid in dollars and cents.

NOBLE families of the middle ages used no forks. How times don't change.

GERMANY may desire an American financial director, but she certainly does not need a money-maker.

THEY SAY Mr. Dempsey will have his hands full when he meets Mr. Firpo. Sure. And his pockets, too.

THEY ARE TRYING to find a way to keep the St. Lawrence River open the year 'round, in the interest of commerce. Easy. Let the rum boats do it!

SERVE what the diplomats do to humanity. Now that Italy has been bombed and occupied Corfu, it is discovered that the perpetual neutrality of Corfu was guaranteed by Great Britain, France and Russia, sixty years ago.

## LABORITES IN BRITAIN SEE BRAINS

Party Recognizes Other Signs of Work Besides Callouses.

By JOHN W. RAPER

**T**HE British Labor party hardly fits the American idea of a labor party, for while the great majority of its members are manual workers and union men, it has in its ranks capitalists, employers and professional men of all kinds, and many of its leaders are men who never did a day's work with their hands in their lives.

The manual worker in Great Britain recognizes the fact that the brain is a part of the human body, and that a man can work with it, and when a man in that country says he is a workman, he is not asked to prove it by showing callous spots on his hands.

An examination of the election returns of last fall shows the Labor party's strength is greatest in the industrial regions, in the Clyde district, among the coal and iron miners and iron and steel workers of Scotland, Wales and England.

These are the districts in which the British workingman is most frequently idle, where he is underpaid, underfed, poorly housed and poorly clothed. It has no strength in the rural regions.

The workingman last fall elected 138 candidates to Parliament, and of them 55 were union officials. Of the other 83, there are 31 university men, 12 from Oxford, five from Cambridge and 14 from various universities of England and Scotland.

Four of the eighty-three are preachers, six are editors, nine are former college professors and teachers, five are barristers—two being King's counsel—five are manufacturers, a number are men who were trained for diplomatic and other government service, four are physicians, several are professional writers and scientists and of business.

Not a few of the Labor members are from families of wealth and the others are men in different kinds of prominence.

NEXT: The Progressives of Great Britain have dropped their pet plan, and for the sake of unity act with the Labor party.

### UNUSUAL PEOPLE

#### Street Car Man 61 Years

**C**LEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 10.—One of the original street car conductors of this city is still working for the Cleveland Railway Company.

He's George C. Mulhern. He's 61 now, but that doesn't keep him from attending to his job daily as paving contractor.

"Yes, I'm still interested in anything connected with street railroads," says Mulhern. "I was conductor for six months and then a superintendent of the first street car line in Cleveland."

That was away back in 1862. He became superintendent and general manager when the system was electrified in 1883. In 1903 he went into politics and was elected sheriff. Then he took over handling paving contracts for the railway.

Mulhern's age doesn't bother him in the least. He's tall, broad-shouldered, bronzed-skinned and vigorous. His hands are still firm and steady.

"I'm just as husky as ever," he says. "I do this in summer and travel in winter."

Mrs. Mulhern is 74. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years ago.

### Observations

All honor to Henry Hoffstetter, of the insane hospital in Buffalo. He is honest. He announces himself as a candidate for ward councilman and frankly admits his insanity in advance. Instead of waiting until elected to demonstrate it, as is usual.

You can say this much for the football players: They only try to kill each other.

Before corn on the cob all table manners hesitate and are lost.

As to the automobile at the grade crossing, "fools rush in," etc.

These aviators are absolutely ruthless in their demands that old temples get out of the way and let some one fugit who can fugit.

What is needed is a coal settlement that will stay put.

The latest news from Detroit is that another cool wave is approaching and a man named Summertime has fled suit for divorce.

Now a Scientist says bulls are color blind and red means nothing to them, but keep away from Wall Street just the same.

### Heard in the Smoking Room

**Y**OU can't tell much more about a woman today than you ever could," said the young fellow with a cigarette and I've seen everything air. "Nope! Dress or language, or both, don't tell a fellow anything—not even now. Take the case of that young woman in the Hotel Rosslyn in Los Angeles that I heard about the other day. She was dressed out of sight—one of those prospective movie queens, I guess, from description. And she had her language dressed up as finely as she did her body, too—dressed so fine that you couldn't tell it from real culture."

She went up to the hotel clerk and said: "Will you please tell me where I can find the hotel clerk?" "Up there, madam," replied the clerk as he pointed his pen at the clock overhead.

"Her face flushed as much as the rouge would permit, and she bit off her words as she said, 'It is the hotel clerk I want.'"

"And there it still is," politely said the clerk as he pointed again. "Then all bets were off as she broke and leapt at the clerk with, 'Don't try to kid me, you poor fish. Tell me where the Hotel Clark is before I call you manager.'"

## TOM SIMS -!- Says

**M**OVIE star sued her mother for a million dollars. Most girls wouldn't for a million dollars.

Coolidge gets up about 5:30 every morning. Now what little boy wants to be President?

Tobacco crop is good in some sections, so you can put that in your pipe and smoke it.

The oyster returns from its vacation in September, but shut up like a clam about it.

Gas prices are falling. Production costs are lower since the public learned they were.

Pitcher held for nonsupport in Detroit. Usually it is the team that fails to support.

After school starts the watermelon and fruit not stolen are considered fairly safe.

You don't see many "No Trespassing" signs on farms. They have changed to "Farm For Sale."

No extra session of Congress will be called. That ought to help things quite a bit.

Chicagoans awaiting trial will be sent to school, which is punishment before conviction.

Man in Lincoln, Neb., started home in a stolen car, so he won't be there for eighteen months.

### Indiana Sunshine

Robert Carlin's rooster enjoyed a night out. Carlin, a farmer, living several miles from Clinton recently drove to that town with the fowl perched upon the axle of his automobile. Whether the chickens went to roost on the car or was tired of staying at home with the old hens still is a mystery.

Practical jokers who walk along the sidewalks after a rain and from overhanging limbs shake down a shower of water upon an unsuspecting friend have no business in Alexandria. The city council says residents must trim their trees at least eight feet above the ground.

There's no excuse for school teachers becoming old maids at Columbus. Approximate with the opening of the school term, marriage licenses were issued to five persons giving teaching as their profession.

Contrary to popular opinion the village smith isn't a back number and hasn't been entirely replaced by the corner service station. In Lafayette there are half as many blacksmith shops as there were eight years ago and all report a flourishing business.

Representing himself as an advance purchasing agent for a circus, a crook with a well oiled tongue placed many large orders with Franklin merchants. Then he said he was soliciting ads for canvas blankets to be strapped on the elephant's backs. He collected the money but the merchants are still looking for the elephants.

### Science

Arthur R. Hinks, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society of England, is urging the cooperation of various countries in making a great map of the world. This map, made in great detail and with the most accurate accuracy, would take several years to construct and would cost an immense sum. It would be of priceless value to commerce as well as to science.

Geography has grown from a minor study of early childhood into one of the most important graduate division subjects in the universities. The science of geography now includes the study of resources of a country, political adjustments in the States that have anything to do with such matters as conservation and the study of man's social life in relation to his surroundings. The science has been developed in the United States largely through the efforts of the National Geographical Society.

The construction of the map of the world on a grand scale would further stimulate interest in this study.

### A Thought

The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.—Prov. 14:10.

ON the sands of life sorrow treads heavily, and leaves a print time cannot wash away.—H. Neale.

Little Sister Locates It "Mummy, I got such a pain." "Where, dear?" "Where the pickles is."

## 'MOTHER' IS LOVED BY CRIMINALS

Warden's Wife in Oregon Pen Means Sympathy for Convicts.

By NEA Service

**S**ALEM, Ore., Sept. 10.—They call her Mother—because "Mother" means love and understanding and sympathy and hope. And to the convicts in State's penitentiary, Mrs. Johnson S. Smith, wife of the warden, means all of that, and much more.

They think they never will care for the society of others. They are content to be alone, off in a corner, by themselves. But that doesn't last long.

And so they will tell you that the dearest thing to them in life is a helping hand and a tender word. And Mrs. Smith gives them that. Not a Sentimentalist

"I am not a sentimentalist," she says, "but I do think there is a great deal of salvage among the accidental criminals who make up the majority of the prison population here. I never discuss with prisoners their crime or the causes which led up to it, but I only undertake to do the little practical things that tend to arouse the better natures of those with whom I come into contact."

"I get real pleasure in doing something for the fellow who has no friends, life's greatest tragedy. It means happiness for me."

And so, every day, dressed in pure white with her gray hair capping a face lit by a happy smile, she walks among them down the otherwise gloomy corridors.

**Tell Story of Leo**  
They like to tell the story of Leo Leo, III in the prison hospital, was condemned to die of tuberculosis. Mother Smith did all she could for him on that last day, and when she finally left late at night, told attendants to phone her if Leo wanted anything.

He awoke with a raging fever, and a craving for an orange. They phoned Mother Smith. She left her bed, dressed, and drove a long way to get one for the dying boy.

And then, they like to tell of the time she crossed the prison courtyard with only a prisoner as an escort, in order to watch the men at work in the mill. Never before had a woman been in the courtyard or shops.

The prisoners will tell you that walk to the shops was dramatic. Men stopped to watch. Some wept unashamed. That's what her implied confidence in them meant.

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Where was the first ice factory. The first of its kind in this country was erected at New Orleans in 1866. In 1870 three other factories located in southern states were included in the census returns.

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What kind of fowls are best for broilers and layers? The Poultry division, Department of Agriculture says this is a matter of preference. White Leghorns are very good layers, but not very good for broilers. Plymouth Rocks, Dark Cornish, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds are good broilers.

In what country do you find the most cynosops? Where did they originate? In Roumania, various parts of the Balkan region, Hungary and Russia. Their aggregate number in these countries is in the neighborhood of 500,000. It is now believed that they originated in India, this belief being based on a similarity of language. There are many theories regarding their origin, one being that they were from Egypt; hence the English name for these people, gypsies, originated as a corruption of Egyptian.

Are the Hawaiian Islands sometimes called the Sandwich Islands? If so, why? They were named Sandwich Islands by their discoverer, Capt. James Cook, after his patron, the Earl of Sandwich. However, the name has fallen into disuse, and Hawaii, the name of one of the largest islands of the group, has spread to the whole group.

What is the population of Paris? According to the last census 1921, 2,906,471.

### Books

The Bible, still the best seller, has been translated into 270 languages and dialects. Next book in line is "Pilgrim's Progress," translated into 107 languages and dialects.

Any one will admit there must be profound reasons why these two works lead in allurement. Have you read both of them thoroughly? No education complete without this thorough reading.

### Another One

"Beware," whispered the fortune teller impressively at the church lawn fete, "beware of a dark man who will cross your path."

"Oh, dear," cried the dapper, as she drew on her motor gauntlets preparatory to leaving, "don't tell me I'm going to run down another pedestrian!"—American Legion Weekly.

## Why Not Turn It Off at the Source?



### QUESTIONS

#### Ask—The Times

#### ANSWERS

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### Prospects

By BERTON BRALEY

"The best of all possible worlds?—It's not!"

That way of talking is utter rot. This world is hardly the least degree The sort of a world that it ought to be.

It's full of selfishness, greed and strife.

A sort of jungle of seething life, Of heedless cruelty, needless pain, Where millions struggle and toil in vain.

But that's no reason to sit and mope Bereft of courage and robbed of hope! For when its history we rehearse We learn of old that the world was worse;

And we also know, if we are not blind, It's getting better, more sane and kind.

So, using that as a starting place, We plan for progress and hope for grace.

For the optimist is very far From liking matters the way they are; He sees conditions, he knows the facts, But he thinks and figures and talks and acts

With the full belief that "the world do move."

That men and women in time improve And that though prospects at times seem blum, "The best of all possible worlds" will come!

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### Animal Facts

Ike Whitbeck, of Mount Washington, Vermont, is the champion rattle snake hunter of his section. He catches them for a living and makes a good one. Even he is waxing affluient. He sends them to the Bronx zoo, in New York and gets \$5 apiece for them. Some days he makes \$40 and \$50. In addition Ike has made a good business for Gilbert Smith, a snake, you know, demand food on occasion. Gilbert has a contract with the Bronx folks to furnish them 200 frogs per week with which to feed the snakes Ike sends down for exhibition purposes. It is a big job for Gilbert and the supply of frogs is getting low—so low that Gil says he has got to cut down on his snake catching or he must seek larger frog ponds.

It is claimed that a single pair of sparrows and their nest of young ones will consume about 3,000 insects a week, and they are welcome to them.

It always has been more or less of a mystery how the newly-born "possum" finds its way to the mother's pouch. Some claimed the little ones were born into the pouch while others maintained the mother lifted them in one by one. Dr. Carl Hartman says neither theory is correct. He saw a litter of 18 of the little animals born and he also saw them, one by one and practically hand-over-hand, climb into the mother's pouch and attach themselves there for food and shelter. Marvellous, he says. Also, he has discovered that the opossum has an extremely early birth, the embryo within the mother's body attaining entire development in about 11 days.

### Son

A court case in Paris reveals that a Frenchman cannot be personally sued for breach-of-promise unless he is 35 years old. Up to that age, the legal action has to be directed at his parents. You probably know that a Frenchman under 35 cannot marry without his parents' consent.

This is carrying things to extremes. However, we're nearly as extreme the other way in America—children taking charge of themselves and often the rest of the family