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THE CLAN OF ROOSEVELT

One of the most curious illustrations of the fact that most people don't seem to know what is going on in the world is the receipt by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the former President of several hundred letters and telegrams congratulating her upon the nomination of her husband for the Presidency! It seems incredible that there is still anyone in America who does not know that Theodore Roosevelt died in 1919.

There were also a good many thousands who wrote to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic nominee for President, under the impression that he is a son of the former President. As a matter of fact, his wife is much more closely related to the late Theodore Roosevelt than Franklin D. Roosevelt is. She was the daughter of Theodore Roosevelt's brother, Elliott, and that makes her a first cousin to the present Theodore Roosevelt, Governor-General of the Philippines. One has to go back nearly two hundred years to trace the relationship of Franklin D. Roosevelt to Theodore Roosevelt, but it is there.

The first of the name to settle in America was a Dutch merchant named Nicholas Roosevelt, who came to New York in 1649. In 1742, the old records show, there were two brothers Roosevelt, named Johannus and Josephus. They were great grandsons of the original Nicholas Roosevelt. One of them was the ancestor of Theodore Roosevelt, and the other of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Their descendants in both lines accumulated wealth and acquired high social position, but none of them was ever active in politics until Theodore Roosevelt, just out of college, was put up by the Republican organization in 1881 for member of the Legislature in what was supposed to be a safely Democratic district, and surprised everybody by getting himself elected. And Franklin Roosevelt, his distant cousin, made the same kind of a sensational entry into politics in 1910, when he was elected as a Democrat to the New York State Senate from a district which had been regarded as safely Republican.

BONUS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

We do not see how it was possible for the Washington police and the Federal Government to take any other action than that which they took in driving the so-called Bonus Expeditionary Force out of the District of Columbia. From all the reports, the soldiers behaved with great restraint and did an unpleasant job expeditiously and painlessly.

Here was a misguided group of men who had been lured to Washington by promises which could never be fulfilled. But a few reckless members of both Houses of Congress, evidently seeking the soldier vote for their own re-election, encouraged these men and their leaders to come to Washington and demand the immediate payment in full of the bonus which a grateful nation had so generously voted to all who served in the great war. It was an impossible demand and one which every intelligent taxpayer in the United States resented.

The authorities of the District of Columbia were tolerant and kindly in the extreme toward these misled petitioners. At the request of President Hoover Congress appropriated \$125,000 with which to provide them transportation back to their homes. Comparatively few took advantage of that. Instead, hundreds of them remained in Washington, taking possession of government property without authority, living in unsanitary camps which were a public menace, and refused to leave the government buildings when requested to do so by the police. Then they resisted by force the request to get out.

Since Congress had adjourned and there was no longer the slightest hope of accomplishing their ostensible object, we can only assume that their leaders deliberately sought to intimidate the Federal Government and to create a willful nuisance.

BOYHOOD BACKGROUND

Many leaders in history have had a superiority to personal resentment and small all. The law of compensation operates in annoyance which is one of the surest signs of greatness; Jesus infinitely surpassed exorbitantly to reward and afflict us by and through ourselves. The man who is mean is mean only to himself.

The village that refused to admit him required no fire; it was already dealt with. No miracles were performed in that village. No sick were healed; no hungry were fed; no poor received the message of encouragement and inspiration—that was the penalty for its boorishness. As for Jesus, he forgot the incident immediately. He had work to do.

Theology has spoiled the thrill of Jesus' life by assuming that he knew everything from the beginning—that his three years of public work were a kind of dress rehearsal, with no real problems or crises. What interest would there be in such a life? What inspiration? You who read these lines have your own creed concerning him; I have mine.

Let us forget all creed for the time being, and take the story of Jesus' life just as the simple narratives give it—a poor boy, growing up in a peasant family, working in a carpenter shop; gradually feeling his powers expanding, beginning to have an influence over his neighbors, recruiting a few followers, suffering disappointments and reverses, finally death.

Yet Jesus built so solidly and well that death was only the beginning of his influence! Stripped of all dogma his was the grandest achievement story of all!

If we are criticized for overemphasizing the human side of Jesus' character we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that our overemphasis tends a little to offset the very great overemphasis which has been exerted on the other side. Books and books and books have been written about him as the Son of God; surely we have a reverent right to remember that his favorite title for himself was the Son of Man.

Nazareth, where he grew up, was a little town. In the fashionable circles of Jerusalem it was quite the thing to make fun of Nazareth—its crudities of custom and speech, its simplicity of manner. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" they asked derisively when the report spread that a new prophet had arisen in that country town. The question was regarded as a complete rebuttal of his pretensions.

The Galileans were quite conscious of the city folks' contempt, but they bore it lightly. Life was a cheerful and easy-going affair with them. The sun shone almost every day; the land was fruitful; to make a living was nothing much to worry about. There was plenty of time to visit. Families went on picnics in Nazareth, as elsewhere in the world; young people walked together in the moonlight and fell in love in the spring. Boys laughed boisterously at their games and got into trouble with their pranks.

And Jesus, the boy who worked in the carpenter shop, was a leader among them. Next Week:—The Eternal Miracle.

The Family Doctor

By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

BITES AND STINGS

Summer is the time to look out for biting and stinging insects. An author, friend of mine, mentions the mosquito and bed-bug as the chief offenders. I shall not discuss the latter; he is taboo in our set this year. I confess I have grown rusty in my clinical data on the bed-bug.

But the mosquito—the malaria-carrier, you know. The more bites the more malaria. Keep out of his way. A strong solution of camphor with twenty drops of carbolic acid to the ounce is a good lotion for mosquito-bites; wet cloths with the solution and leave in contact with the stings.

The poison—almost a venom—of hornets, wasps and bees, is believed to be acid in nature; hence an alkali is the logical antidote. A bottle of aqua ammonia should be kept in the medicine-closet for stings, to be applied freely when needed. Coarse "bayonets" may be left in the wound, bear in mind. Get them out before the medicine is depended upon.

I have seen quite a fever arise from bee-stings,—in fact my last adventure with the little honey-makers was a case in point; I went to bed for several hours, aching all over, with temperature 103. I had had over a dozen bee-wounds before armistice was declared. We are never too old to learn, it seems.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. Charles E. Dunn, D. D.
Lesson for August 14
The Ten Commandments. II. Exodus 20:12-21

The final six Commandments in the Decalogue are directed toward society, outlining man's obligation to his fellows.

The fifth Commandment sounds archaic in a day of severe tension between the older and younger generations. Taking unfair advantage of their freedom, children are sometimes loath to admit that there can be any merit in the ideas of their elders. How refreshing to turn from flippant irreverence toward one's parents thoughtlessly voiced by representatives of the "younger set," to the heartfelt veneration of Thomas Carlyle, crying out to his dead mother, "Oh, pious mother, kind, good, brave and truthful soul as I have ever found in this world!"

It seems unnecessary to stress the sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," in Church circles. Yet while Christians very rarely deliberately commit murder, they are a party to those subtle forces that exact a heavy toll in human life. Last year thirty-four thousand persons were killed in the United States by motor vehicles. Also, think of those fated for a premature death through undernourishment because of unemployment. Remember, too, the victims of that relic of barbarism, capital punishment. And then call to mind the millions sacrificed on the altar of Mars.

In this age of domestic tension and wrecked homes, due in large measure to unwholesome over-emphasis upon the physical delights of the sex relationship, the protest of the seventh Commandment against adultery is most welcome. We surely need a new conscience concerning marriage, a fresh emphasis upon the necessity of mutual loyalty and forbearance.

The eighth Commandment, condemnation stealing, is a reminder that all things belong to God and are held in trust by His children. For one man to take more than his rightful share of goods is to rob God Who is no respecter of persons.

How much we need the warning of the ninth Commandment! Perjury, slander, back-biting, uncharitable judgement are all too common. It is surprising how prone we are to "run down" other folk.

The final Commandment has the approval of our Lord, who once expressed the warning, "Beware of covetousness," and of St. Paul, who put his finger on the source of our present economic distress when he said, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

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Passes Teacher's Test

Harold Garton, of East Lincoln was successful in passing his test at the July teachers' examination and his teaching certificate was awarded by E. H. Lukenbill.

Contrary to the general impression no country is officially named the winner of the Olympic Games. It has been the custom, however, to name the victor unofficially on the basis of a point system—three for first, two for second and one for third place.

The only awards to Olympic athletes are medals and diplomas.

PING & PONG

BY THE SKIPPER

PING—Can you tell me one of the uses of cowhides?

PONG—Sure. It keeps the cow together.

PING—Very dull, isn't it?

PONG—Yes, very.

PING—Let's go home.

PONG—I can't. I'm the host.

Ping's car struck the rear of a driven by a woman.

"Didn't you see me stick out my hand?" the woman asked.

"No, I didn't Miss," Ping replied.

"Well, if it'd been my leg, you'd have seen it," she replied, and drove away.

A young matron in whom the shopping instinct was strong, asked Ping, the German butcher, the price of hamburger steak.

"Twenty-five cents a pound," he replied.

"But," said she, "the price at the corner store is only twelve cents."

"Vell," said Ping, "Vy you don't pay it down there?"

"They haven't any," she replied.

"Ya, Ya," said the butcher, "Ven I don't have it I sell it for ten cents only."

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