

This Week



President Already in. Are we an Ostrich? Watch R. R. Hookups. U. S. Pauperism Dying. Clergy Good Fighters. Want a Bison? No Marriage—No Career. A Landing Roof.

A Washington correspondent says "President Coolidge will keep out of the Mitchell fight," referring to Colonel Mitchell's charges as to general incompetency in the management of United States air forces and suggestion that Colonel Mitchell, lowered in rank for telling the truth once, should now be arrested for telling the truth twice.

How could the president, who is head of the Army and Navy, keep out of the Mitchell matter? It is not conceivable that his subordinates knowing the president's readiness to hear both sides of any question, would undertake any action without his approval.

The people do not believe that the president will permit any action against Colonel Mitchell until the entire aviation question shall have fully been thrashed out, including the fiasco in the effort to fly to Hawaii, and the catastrophe of the Shenandoah.

It is to be hoped that the inquiry when it comes, will not be a white-washing enterprise, but a real investigation. The president will want to know why the protest of Commander Lansdowne, an experienced airman who had flown across the Atlantic in a dirigible, was ignored. The president will not want any white-washing or any offhand suppression of Colonel Mitchell, who isn't easily suppressed, by the way. He will want the facts, and will see that he gets them.

The most disquieting thing in our so-called defense programme is this statement attributed to Judge Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy:

"In view of the experience of the navy planes in the Arctic expedition, the failure of the Hawaiian flight and the Shenandoah disaster, we have come to the conclusion that the Atlantic and the Pacific are still our best defenses. We have nothing to fear from enemy aircraft that is not on this continent."

The experience in the Arctic, the failure of the Hawaiian flight, the dreadful Shenandoah disaster had nothing to do with capable air navigation, but a great deal to do with incompetent management of our air force.

We should have, indeed, nothing to fear from foreign aircraft, if we could give to foreigners such management as our aircraft has. Mr. Wilbur's statement that our oceans are our best defense sounds like the statement of some ostrich saying: "I have nothing to fear, the sand is my best defense. I can stick my head into it."

It is suggested that railroads be forced to combine in great transportation units, and that they make their own selections "rather than have the government do the choosing for them."

Why not have a selection of well-informed men, railroad men of course, acquainted with traffic conditions, make a survey of railroads, and let the government know which combination should be made in the interest of economy and of efficiency?

President Coolidge will certainly not think it wise to leave these combinations to selfish interests based on opportunities for stock jobbing, combining broken down roads with good roads for the sake of immediate profit, rather than more efficiency. Perhaps for the sake of unloading unprofitable railroads on the stockholders that own profitable railroads.

Pauperism is dying out in the United States, thanks to better wages, widows' pensions, more enlightened medical care, and especially campaigns of health advertising, carried on by the great life insurance companies.

Of 100,000 in our population, only 71.5 are in poorhouses now. And that is exactly 71.5 too many. In 1914 there were 91.5 out of 100,000 in the poorhouses. Things have improved since the war forced up wages.

What does the world need? Thousands of preachers, standing on the shore of time and peering into eternity with the strong authority that their vocation gives them try to answer the question.

Here are a few answers made in the pulpits last Sunday:

The Reverend Henry Howard: The Bible is now on the shelf, not enough family prayers. Not enough religion in schools—time proves it.

Rev. C. Everett Wagner, Methodist Episcopal: Too much preaching of Hell fire. Too much parading of wickedness instead of talking about goodness. Too much tempting listeners by describing in detail the things that the wicked do.

Rev. Dr. Sookman: Too much shifting from place to place. Too much roaming. The people becoming nomadic can't settle down.

Rev. Dr. S. E. Young, says voters neglect their duty. They could make this Republic anything that they choose to make it if they would take the trouble to do it. Perhaps that is solemn truth.

Rev. John Roach Straton, who would willingly help lynch our modernists if his conscience would let him, says we need more revivals. That's proved by the fact that there were ten thousand murders and only a few hangings and electrocutions in this country last year. He saw two holdups in Chicago in one short visit.

Rev. Paul C. Warren: We need modern prophets to interpret the old truths in the pew and in the pulpit. More purity of heart and strength of conviction will bring the millennium.

But the Rev. Charles Francis Potter, prominent Unitarian, says we need a brand new religion, and he proves his sincerity by resigning from his job. It is very enlightening to read twenty or thirty sermons a week.

If you would like a pet bison, you can get one from the government. Too many of the big animals are in Yellowstone Park, so 100 of them are offered free to citizens that will pay the cost of catching and expressing.

The government has proved that the "dying bison" can be brought back to life. Perhaps the government will do as much for the dying and vanishing forests, much more important than the picturesque bison.

Miss Fay Lanphier, young California girl, who "essily and naturally" won the beauty crown of "Miss America" says "Marriage won't interfere with my career." Of course not. The real business of human beings on this earth is to make it a little better while they are here, and hand on what ability they have to future generations, that they also may work.

Good qualities, as heredity proves, are handed on by women. And the woman whose programme does not include marriage can't possibly have a complete career, no matter what the feminists may say. In a chain, he link that breaks is not the successful link.

It has been suggested here occasionally, during the past ten years, that architects should have their minds on landing roofs for flying machines. Now Chicago, about to build a \$15,000,000 post office, two city blocks long with a landing roof for the flying mail. That would cut an hour off the mail flight from Chicago to New York.

Not far in the future will come the new city, one building, devoted to one single business, with a landing roof for buyers and sellers, and employs flying to work in the morning and flying back at night.

The great "congested traffic problem" may be solved from the roof before it is solved in the streets. However, don't let that discourage you about good real estate.

OUR CHURCHES

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greens, Pastor.

On account of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Western Association at Hartsville, there will be no regular services in the church this week. Members are urged as far as possible to attend this meeting.

Prayer and devotional meeting will be held in the Church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Union Service in this Church Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. F. A. Hassold will speak.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clare C. Conrad, Pastor

Morning worship at 10:30. Bible School at 11:45. Christain Endeavor at 6:15. Evening service in Seventh Day Baptist Church. Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. B. A. Clair, Tuesday Oct. 13, at 2:30 p.m., at which time there will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. A large attendance is desired.

The members of the Church and Congregation are invited to a reception in honor of Mrs. L. Bowen and Mrs. A. Randolph on Saturday evening, Oct. 10th, from 7:30 until 10 o'clock, at the home of Miss Minnie Clair.

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'THE BREAKING POINT'

The Attraction at the Auditorium Wednesday Oct. 14

"The Breaking Point," Herbert Brenon's latest Paramount produc-

At Clark's Wyoming ranch, he and Beverly's husband quarrel; the lamp is overturned; a flash is seen in the dark, and the husband is found dead on the floor. Clark escapes into a snowstorm. He is found in a delirious condition by Dr. Livingstone who takes him to his home at Haverly, just outside of New York and introduces him as his nephew.

Years ago by, and the man becomes a successful physician. He becomes engaged to a young girl, Elizabeth Wheeler. One night at the theatre he is recognized by Beverly Caryale who faints upon the stage. From this point in the story, the old influences which he has forgotten begin once more to wind themselves around him. Schemes of which he is the unconscious center, are form-

sett portrays Dr. David Livingstone. Matt Moore in the dual role of Judson Clark and Dick Livingstone does the finest work of his lengthy career, and Miss Naldi is more alluring than ever as the beautiful Beverly.

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tion will be at the Auditorium Wednesday. Nita Naldi, Patsy Ruth Miller, George Fawcett and Matt Moore are featured.

Moore plays the role of a reckless millionaire, Judson Clark, who is desperately in love with a popular actress, Beverly Carlyle (Nita Naldi).

ed by characters who see in his sudden reappearance a grave menace to their own safety and popularity.

The final clearing of the mystery forms a series of scenes which build to a dramatic climax.

Patsy Ruth Miller plays the role of Elizabeth Wheeler, and Mr. Faw-

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