

Sunday School Lesson

November 27. Lesson IX, Isaiah Teaches True Worship, Isaiah 1: 10-20. Golden Text—Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.—Psalm 24: 3, 4.

ANALYSIS.

I. THE INDICTMENT, 1-9.
II. THE APPEAL, 10-20.

INTRODUCTION—Isaiah lived in a period of great and tragic change. The Assyrian empire, of which the capital city was Nineveh on the river Tigris, already powerful, began about the year B.C. 745, a rapid increase of power and expansion of territory which carried its arms as far as the Mediterranean sea and the borders of Egypt. One by one the smaller countries which lay between were overrun and reduced to subjection, compelled to pay tribute to their conqueror. When they resisted, heavier tribute was imposed and if resistance was continued, in the end the people were forced from their homes and enslaved or exiled. Thus the kingdom of Syria came to an end and Damascus was taken in 732, the kingdom of Israel fell, Samaria was taken, and many people carried into exile in 722, and in 701, Judah and Jerusalem almost shared the same fate. In part, at least, chap I reflects the conditions of distress and humiliation of that last terrible year, when, the Assyrian host, he took forty-six of Judah's cities and strongholds, shut the king, Hezekiah, up in Jerusalem like a bird in a cage, and carried off over two hundred thousand captives with vast quantities of spoils. Isaiah, during a prophetic ministry of forty years or more, witnessed this succession of tragedies, and sees in them the hand of God inflicting upon his people a disciplinary punishment that he may lead them to repentance and the formation of character. For Jehovah's God is sovereign lord and king, enthroned in holy majesty, and he will not endure with patience the sin that is an offence against his holiness. Yet he is merciful and will forgive the repentant, and will provide deliverance and a brighter and better future for the purified remnant of his people who will survive the vicissitudes of war and exile. And over these Isaiah predicts, will reign a great and glorious King, the son of David, whose dominion will be established for ever in righteousness and in peaceful prosperity.

I. THE INDICTMENT, 1-9.
The title of the book is found in verse 1, "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz." But this was, most probably, at first the title of a smaller collection of prophecies concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Our present book contains also prophecies about Israel and many other nations, and some of these evidently belong to a period long after the time of the prophet mentioned here. Isaiah's call to the prophetic ministry came "in the year that King Uzziah died" (6:1), about the year B.C. 740. This first chapter contains a summary of most of what is essential and characteristic in his teaching.

In verses 2-4, God is represented as a father justly displeased with the ungrateful and rebellious conduct of his children, who are more insensible to his goodness than beasts of the stall. In verses 5-9 there is distinct reference to the calamities which have already come heavily upon the land. It is like a body lacerated and sore from head to foot, whose hurts are unceasing and festering. The invading armies of Assyria are devouring it; Jerusalem is left alone in the midst of waste and desolation, as a lonely watchman's booth or lodge remote from village or town. But a very small remnant is left, else the city would have been utterly destroyed.

II. THE APPEAL, 10-20.

The prophet addresses rulers and people as of Sodom and of Gomorrah. Such, he means to say, is the character they bear. They are like the rulers and people of those wicked cities which God destroyed. Yet they are very religious, vs. 11-15. They offer sacrifices, they observe the sacred festivals and the sabbaths, they make music, "o what purpose?" Who hath required it? The prophet declares that the Lord is not pleased with these formalities of worship which have no content of real devotion, with a ritual which is without righteousness. The assembly of people at the sanctuary (v. 12), is compared to the trampling of a herd of cattle. The combination of iniquity and the solemn meeting is intolerable. From bloodstained hands

outstretched in empty prayer the Lord will hide his eyes, and such prayers he will not hear.
What is essential to true worship appears in vs. 16-18. It lies in clean living, in putting away that which is evil, in well-doing, in justice, and kindness, and mercy. Compare Jer. 7:21-23; Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8; Psalm 51:16-17.
It has been suggested by some recent writers that v. 18 is ironical, that it contains a question, "shall they be white as snow?" But it is much more probable that it should be taken as a simple and serious statement of fact. This also is in entire harmony with the context. God's forgiving and restoring grace is always ready for the truly penitent worshipper. Compare Psalm 51:1-10; Isa. 55:6, 7. The blessing of prosperity is promised to those who are willing and obedient, but the uttermost calamities of continued war to them if they refuse and rebel.

To us who have been taught the lessons of the Christian faith, the teaching of the prophet in this last passage (vs. 19, 20), is incomplete. Material prosperity and long life, or deliverance from famine and war, are not always the reward of the right-doer. Ideally it might seem that they should be, but under the actual conditions of human life it is not so. Those who turn from the evil to the good are sometimes called to do so at the cost of every material good and even of life itself. The call of Christ has often been and will often be to leave all and follow him. The words of the prophet must be supplemented by the teaching of Jesus. And yet, in the highest sense, it is still true, in the life to come, and it will be for the willing and obedient.

Delicious Orange Dishes

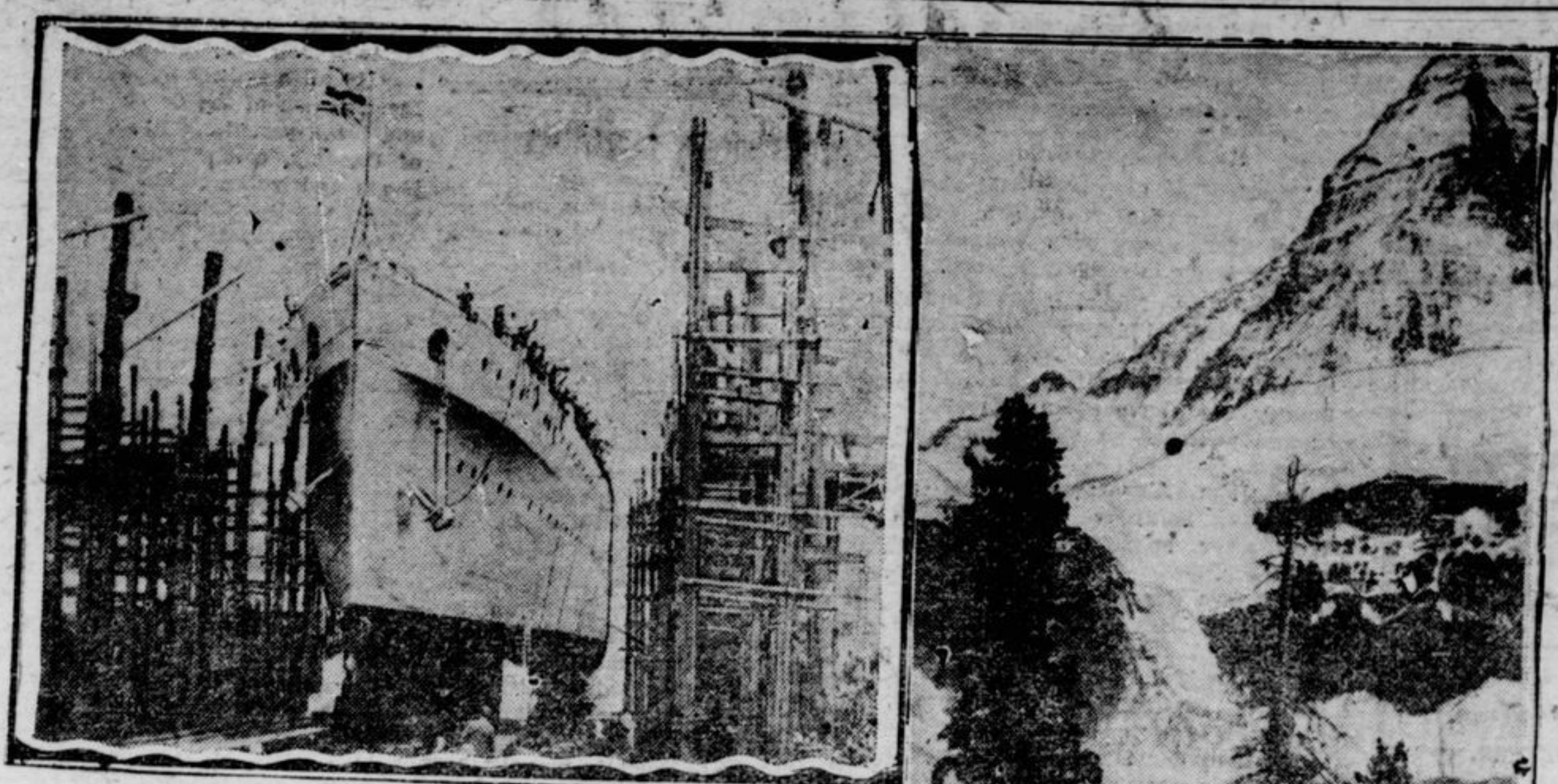
Orange Pudding
Soak for five minutes 2 1/2 tablespoonfuls of gelatine in 2 tablespoonfuls of rich pine apple juice, then dissolve it in 2 cupfuls of the syrup that has been brought to a boil. When the gelatine is slightly cooled, add 1/2 of a cupful of orange juice and 1/4 of a cupful of lemon juice. Place a mold in a pan or ice water and pour in enough gelatine to make a layer about 1/2 inch thick. When this is firm, set a pan of water in the center of the sheet, fill it with ice water, and pour the rest of the gelatine on top of the first layer. Set it away to chill. At serving time, pour a little warm water into the top pan after dipping the cold water out with a cup. Remove the pan as soon as it is loose and set the bottom pan into warm water to loosen the gelatine mold. Slip the jelly out onto a pretty serving plate and fill the center with 1 cupful of cream that has been added 1 cupful of pine apple, sliced; 1/2 of a cupful of blanched almonds; 8 marshmallows cut into quarters; 3 tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar; 1/4 of a tablespoonful of lemon juice; and 2 tablespoonfuls of apricot juice.

To vary this, save out about 1/2 cupful of the gelatine when filling around the top pan, and pour this over the fruit put into the center after removing the top pan. Serve unmolded when the gelatine is firm. Garnish with whipped cream and wafer-thin slices of candied cherries.

Fruit Salad
Cut 3 oranges in halves and remove the pulp; peel 3 bananas and cut them into cubes; remove seeds from 1/2 of a pound of white grapes; break 1 dozen walnuts into pieces about the size of a pea. Mix all together lightly and pile on beds of crisp lettuce hearts. Serve with French dressing.

Tangerine Dessert
Peel 6 large tangerines, remove the white membrane and cut the pulp into pieces. Slice an orange and cut into pieces 1/4 of a pound of fresh marshmallows. Over all turn a teaspoonful of lemon juice, then mix in 1/2 of a cupful of grated coconut. Chill thoroughly before serving.

An Irish gardener, having obtained leave to attend a wedding, returned with two black eyes, which he explained as follows: "When Oi got there Oi saw a fellow dressed up to the noines and struttin' about as proud as a peacock." "An' who are you?" says Oi. "Oi'm the best-man," says he. "An', begorra, he was!"



H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE
The last of the "County Class" cruisers for the navy launched at Devonport, England, contains many secret features. For the first time in naval history Devonshire's hull was used to christen a ship.

The 1928 Poultry House

Ventilation in poultry houses is receiving increasing attention. Nowadays fresh air is supplied, in general, in one of two ways.
The semi-open-front house is probably the most common. In this type part of the front is open and has a muslin curtain for protection against severe cold or damp weather. The remainder of the front is equipped with windows. Usually the muslin-protected openings are from one and one-half to two times as large as the glass openings.
The other part of the ventilating system consists of an opening in the roof and along the roof to a point opposite the front edge of the dropping board. This opening is put on the two-by-four strutting which makes a four-inch space for the circulation of air, without drafts on the birds while they are on the perches. The rear opening helps with the ventilation in spring, summer and early fall, but is kept closed all winter.



A SMART DAYTIME FROCK
Smartly simple is this chic frock. The skirt has two plaits at each side of the front and is joined to the bodice having two points at the lower edge. There is a shaped collar, belt across the one-piece back, and the front closing and cuffs on the long tight-fitting sleeves are adorned with buttons. No. 1605 is in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards 39-inch, or 2 1/2 yards 54-inch material. Price 20 cents the pattern.
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Grouser noticed the other morning that the station clock was wrong. As a matter of fact it had stopped. "I say," he exclaimed to the station-master, "your clock is not synchronized, is it?" "No, sir," answered the man, "it's paralyzed."
Wife—"Just think, Mrs. Johnson learned to play the banjo in two lessons." Husband—"That's nothing—it should be easy for her—she's been picking on her husband for ten years."



THE MAJESTY OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ROCKIES

Going Up!
De Bernardi Sets a New Air Speed Record; Averages 298.7 Miles, Flew 315.5 With Wind

Rome—All the world's speed records were again shattered recently when Major de Bernardi, winner of last year's Schneider trophy, flew over the three kilometer straight stretch at the Lido, Venice, four times at an average speed of 298.7 miles an hour in his seaplane.
He thus requires the title of the "fastest human being," dispossessing Lieutenant Webster of England who won this year's Schneider Cup a month and a half ago at what was then the record speed of 283 miles an hour.
After an unsuccessful attempt Major de Bernardi started again and timed by the Italian Aeronautical Federation. He was witnessed by American, English and French aeronautical attaches, in addition to several newspaper men and large crowds of Italian officers and civilians.
The Major flew twice in each direction over the course. His top speed was reached while flying with the wind, when he made 315.5 miles an hour.
The Italian Aero Club has issued an official communique stating that in the previous flights made last month Major de Bernardi reached an unofficial average speed of 302.5 miles. As this speed, however, was not officially timed, the world speed record now stands at 293.7 miles.

My Winter Garden

I find that window gardening is far more exacting than outdoor gardening. The plants are subjected to wide ranges of day and night temperature and hence care must be taken in selecting kinds and varieties. The requirements of moisture and feeding must also be kept constantly in mind. A good plan is to have a shallow galvanized pan made to serve as a container, either a single one, large enough for all of your pots, or several small ones. This scheme keeps water off the floors and assures more constant moisture than a daily watering of pots set in the ordinary saucers can provide.
In addition to the bulbs there are quite a number of plants that can be used to excellent advantage in the window garden. Geraniums should be of the winter-blooming varieties and they must have plenty of fresh air. Most of the begonias are too exacting regarding even temperature to do well indoors in very extreme climates, but the primulas or primroses are always dependable. Cinerarias, pelargoniums and calceolarias must be given special care, for they are host of white fly and aphids, and Boston ferns and the newer hybrid ferns likewise demand more careful treatment than is usually given them.
Gas is fatal to ferns and most other house plants except the aspidistra, which nothing I know of can kill. The mere mention of the aspidistra is a concession to tolerance, for it is a plant that I positively abominate; why, I can't say.
If a number of the late-blooming garden annuals and perennials are potted up before frost hits them they will continue to bloom quite far into the winter. I have kept pom-pom chrysanthemums, nicotianas, wool flowers and other celosias, and even inias and marigolds, blooming in my parlor until New Year's, not from mid-summer-sown seed, but from plants lifted from beds when warnings of the first cold snap were noted.



When Alfred McGee, of Glenville, Alabama, died, he requested that his grave be on the roadside, and that the passing farmers call out in a loud voice the price of cotton for that day. This has been done for forty-five years.

Railways Blocked in Nellore Zone; Africa Suffering

Two Hundred and Fifty are Reported Killed in India
VESSELS ARE SUNK

Portuguese Coast is Swept by Violent Gales—No Lives Lost

London—The Morning Post Alahabad (India) correspondent reports "appalling damage" in a cyclone that swept the Nellore district during the week-end.
Relief workers, the correspondent says, declared that 100 people were killed at Nellore and 50 are dead at Kodalvulture.
Thousands of people are homeless, it is said, roads are impassable, railways are paralyzed and thousands of cattle have perished.

Hail Ruins Crops

Johannesburg, South Africa—A hailstorm in the Transvaal ruined crops over a wide area and destroyed much livestock on Tuesday last.

Vessels are Sunk

Lisbon, Portugal—The Portuguese Coast was struck by violent gales Tuesday last causing many accidents along the coast and on the larger rivers, although no loss of life was reported.
Several boats were sunk in the Tagus River, while others were obliged to jettison their cargo. Alarm sirens shrieked all night and the Admiralty rushed assistance to the various stricken boats.
Oporto was struck by violent gales and rains late Tuesday. The wind and rain played havoc with the city, interrupting communication and causing floods in some parts six feet deep.

Dr. Dorothy Logan and Trainer Fined

Doctor Pays \$500 for Swearing Falsely She Swam Channel.
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London—Dr. Dorothy Logan was fined \$500 with \$50 costs, at the Mansion House police court recently for swearing falsely that she swam the English Channel.
Horace Carey, Miss Logan's trainer, was fined \$250 and \$35 costs for a similar offense.
Both pleaded guilty.
Dr. Logan and Carey were charged specifically with violating the Perjury Act. The prosecution was instigated by the News of the World, from which Dr. Logan had collected a cheque for \$5,000—later returned—offered to a British woman who lowered Miss Gertrude Ederle's time for swimming the English Channel.
The Lord Mayor of the City of London, wearing the mayoral chain of office, heard the case. The Lady Mayores and their twin daughters had special seats in the tiny courtroom, jammed to the doors with people anxious to see Dr. Logan.
There was room for hardly a dozen members of the public. The courtroom was packed with newspapermen, lawyers and friends of Dr. Logan and Carey.

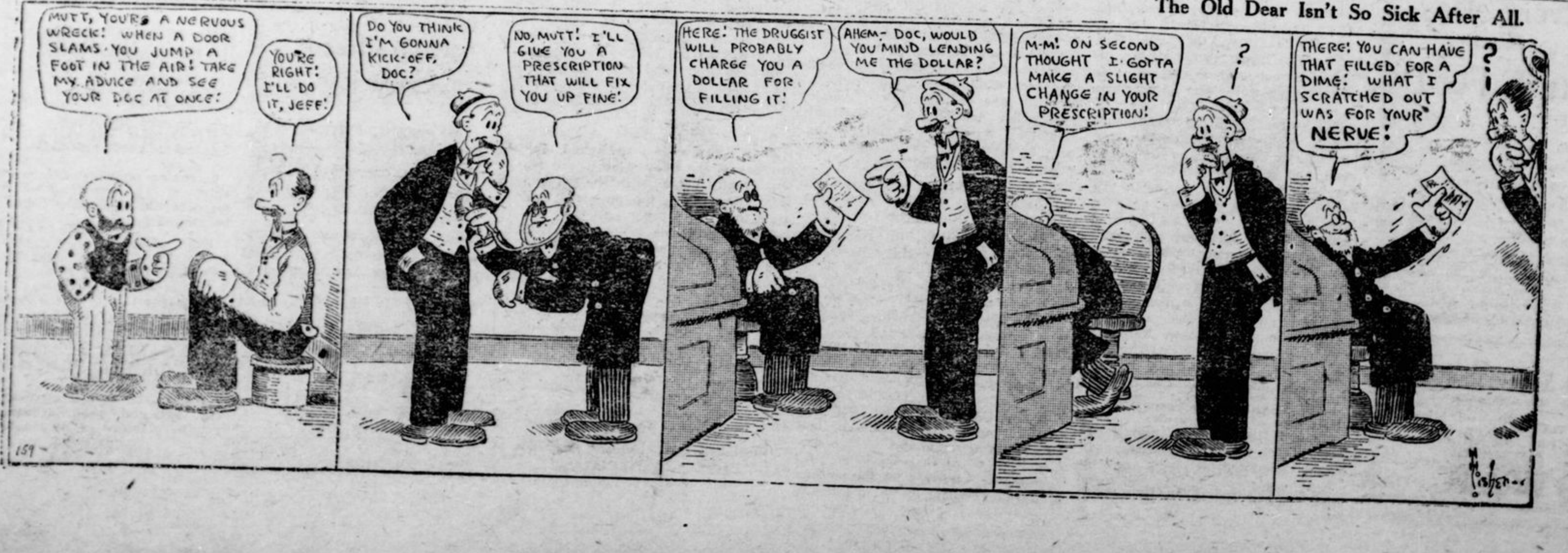
Record of the Red Terror

"The actual number of executions that occurred during the 'Red Terror' in Russia can never be known, as in many cases they were not recorded," asserts S. Melgunoff, prominent Russian historian, in November Current History. M. Melgunoff, who kept a card index of the published executions during the Revolution, puts the number as close to a million and a half. He states that these by no means consisted entirely of the hated "upper classes"; in 1923, for example, 40 per cent. of the executions were of members of the workman-peasant group. The worst elements in Russia were attracted to the "Cheka," which directed this attempt "to exterminate the bourgeoisie as a class," and they stopped at nothing—wholesale arrests and shootings of hundreds, terrible conditions of prison life, torture, etc. Their philosophy was summed up by a member of the Cheka as follows: "We do not need evidence or cross-examinations to justify shooting. We find it useful and we shoot."

The Soviet Moral Code.

"Soviet Russia has laid the foundations of a new morality," asserts V. F. Calverton, editor of "The Modern Quarterly," in November Current History. "The moral life of new Russia is built about the pivot of social-cooperation—individuals act within groups and derive their privileges from group organizations. . . . The system of marriage and divorce, has been revolutionized, and marriage is now a strictly civil function, and women have equal rights with men as to ownership of property, etc. . . . The 'double standard' of morality has been abolished. . . . No stigma attaches to illegitimate children and their mothers are given the same aid as legally married women. . . . The first consideration in divorce is the welfare of the children. . . . Sex is considered a sane topic that is discussed everywhere with clarity and candor. Birth control information is widely disseminated. . . . Great progress has been made against prostitution, one of the worst evils in pre-war Russia."

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.



The Old Dear Isn't So Sick After All.

Leeds Yorkshire Post: The very moment when power to set a visible sign and fellowship is seen Church, not for her own sake but for her own embattled—over what? ma. But a vital dogma, tagonists. True, the dog but it is vital to the To Bishop Barnes to the "There is a time to keep time to speak." To him who feel that his attack mas which they hold essential must be resisted, say, "Let all things be done in order." This is not the Church on a trinal interpretation.

Cantonese Suppress

New Regime
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Shanghai—Suppression of pirates who have been active in the Cantonese government itself. Foreign dispatches recently stated that the Nationalist government in Canton had ordered the suppression of all other nationalities paring its plans for an active hand in the region.

As an indication of the intention of operating its erstwhile colonies it was announced that Chinese soldiers were sent toward Hankow to engage in throwing the British out of the region. The first job of the Nationalist government was to undertake the suppression of piracy along the coast, and pictures of the British in the region of Hong Kong have been the subject of the latest British press.

The latest British press reported the capture of the Irons on Oct. 19, by the Chinese soldiers who were driven off the ship. The ship sank as a result of the capture.

The new Cantonese that these pirates in the commercial district of Canton territory are to be stopped. The shores of the Hong Kong have been developed in the region and Nanking is virtually unknown in the scene being made. Nanking forces have been to moving east where heavy Chinese troops are in the region. The Hankow forces are virtually unknown in the region and general lawlessness is the result.

No Basis

British Econom
Labor Unions
come Ex

New York—Bertram economist, who has spent month's study in the of co-operation here, capital, believes labor will become antiquated will have nothing left. Austin, who sailed to don, his home made England last year, who wrote with W. Frank Secret and High Wage young British economist some time in America industries and then that the American system of co-operation and labor.

During the past month the Mittell managed delphia and the Street, Buffalo. Both the Mittell Buffalo organization partly by the workers' car companies.
"When the ideal is between for a third party said Austin. "The operation between reaches a high point progress in both England, it will unite workers to organize unions. In time I unions will pass out from This has happened largely in their trouble direct management."
He said the unions as a combative unit operation between capital increased there was a need for conflict.

The Church End

Meester—"Sandy, see the pipes on the Sabbath I wonder at ye—doo ye Ten Commandments? I dinna see them. But I the tune an' I'll see a sho