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F. L. STEVENS, Circulation Manager.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st day of September, 1919.

MABEL KEIM, Notary Public.

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Daily Biblical Quotation.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1919.

All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children. Isa. 54:13.

Find in Christ the way of peace
Peace unspeakable, unknown
By his pain he gives you ease,
Life, by his expiring groan.
Rise, exalted by his fall,
Find in Christ your all in all.

Great peace have they which love thy law. Psa. 119:165.

THE SCHOOL BOOK MATTER.

The condition with respect to school books which has prevailed in Tulsa since the opening of the fall term of schools is nothing less than a public outrage. Approximately fifteen thousand pupils have been required to supply themselves with books from a single store, and that a small one incapable of properly taking care of the trade in a country town. The result has been that for days and days this place has been crowded to suffocation. Mothers have stood in line for hours, while the smaller children have been walked over and tromped on like a gang of fattening shoats on a farm feeding floor.

The World makes no charges. It does not know who is to blame. But it does assert that the school patrons of this city deserve an explanation from someone in authority—an explanation and a most abject apology.

It is explained by our local school authorities that they are blameless; that neither the board or faculty had anything to do with either the change in text books, or the arrangement for their sale; that the situation existing in Tulsa prevails throughout the state.

Then the greater the shame to the state officials who brought it about. The change in text books was in itself little short of a crime. This the World pointed out at the time the change was announced. It demanded a good and sufficient reason for making a change and imposing a financial burden on the patrons of the state running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Not a word of explanation has been heard. No excuse offered.

The apparent contempt for the public in this matter has never been exceeded. Who benefits as a result of the change? The text book publishing companies of course. They and those others within the state who may possibly be sub beneficiaries. By the official act of the text book commission ordering the change thousands and thousands of dollars worth of books were confiscated—rendered worthless in the hands of patrons.

It is an evasion of the facts to assert that an exchange value was placed on each used book. Those who have attempted to exchange books know how worthless this provision is. And even if it were what it pretends to be the recompense would be only partial. With heads of families already staggering under the high cost of living an official board of the state of Oklahoma deliberately added to that burden without in any way benefiting either the schools or their patrons. That is the fact that stands out bobbly.

And because of the shortage of labor and material and the consequent inability of the publishing companies to deliver the books on time, the schools all over the state find themselves unable to go ahead with their work. Thus, instead of benefiting the educational system the commission positively injured it.

We repeat—an official explanation and apology is due.

SENATOR REED AND THE GALLERIES.

After a four hours speech against the league of nations Monday Senator James Reed of Missouri was accorded one of the greatest demonstrations ever witnessed in the United States senate chamber. The galleries applauded for several minutes and even indulged in hoots and hisses for those who attempted to stop the demonstration.

But the feature of the story was twice the paragraph relating the [illegible] of Senator Lodge. At the midst of the tongue lashing Massachusetts senator leaning over his desk thoroughly affronted the chair. He said: "In order to relieve that serene and solemn atmosphere described by the senator from Arizona, I move that we adjourn." And hence was [illegible] the laughter of ages.

Of course the staid and dignified Lodge in the role of a jazzmaker is a sight for the gods. But the point we would call attention to is this: Whenever the opponents of the league deliver an attack on the document the senate galleries are packed with enthusiastic "rooters." If there is a public in Washington favoring the pact why is it that its advocates never get a "hand" when they are defending it?

Merchants in the regions threatened by the impending steel workers' strike, have notified the strikers that cash will be demanded for purchases.

But he hasn't used "May I ast?" once.

THE MOST DESPICABLE SCAB.

The Kansas of Judge Haigh Campbell on American [illegible] to the Boston [illegible] a few days ago [illegible] the earlier attention of every citizen generally [illegible] the duties of the present hour of the republic [illegible] of unanimity. With a conflict against capital [illegible] it was apropos at this time to point out [illegible] the first assertions ever formed in the western [illegible] was by the framers of the constitution, [illegible] that every citizen, whether born or naturalized, owed his first and greatest loyalty

[illegible] the responsibility of public officials, such as policemen and other peace officers, discharging their duties to the people and at the same time of dealing with propagandists in conflict with the purposes of government, Judge Campbell drove his point home in the declaration

"In the most desperate strife beneath the stars and stripes is he who wholly unselfishly, a member of the big union, is striving to do it in any way or for a single moment wavers in his first allegiance to his country."

That is a splendid truth. The very greatest privilege we have in the United States is the privilege of belonging to One big union. The greatest blessing we enjoy is membership in it. Before that fact everything else pales into insignificance. And if we were suddenly deprived of this blessing and our memory was restored, our first consideration would be to reestablish it.

For as Judge Campbell well says, "One of its cardinal purposes is to promote the general welfare. That means the welfare of all." And it is the only union that even makes pretense of doing this.

ROOSEVELT AND THE LEAGUE.

Woodrow Wilson quoting the late Theodore Roosevelt in support of his league of nations comes very close to offensive impertinence. While the Great American did repeatedly declare himself as favoring some sort of agreement among the nations of the world that would minimize the dangers of war, he, happily, also gave utterance to a statement just a few weeks before his death that leaves no doubt as to where he would stand with respect to the league that is now offered. That was his condemnation of anything that would put the United States in the position of a "meddlesome Matty" in world affairs.

This is precisely what the league of nation does.

When the president, or any other person, great or small, attempts to make it appear that Roosevelt would be for the league now pending before the United States, he, or they, affront the memory of a revered leader and a patriot beyond compare.

GENUINE DOLLAR DIPLOMACY.

It was the present national administration that early in its history denominated as dollar diplomacy the custom of extending the flag and the things it stands for to American investments abroad. Mr. Bryan, as secretary of state, stated clearly that such a practice would not be followed by the new administration because of its "immorality." In this connection the following news dispatch is interesting:

Six thousand dollars gold was paid Mexicans late yesterday for the release of Dr. J. W. Smith, an American, and E. Monson believed to be a subject of Sweden, who were taken from a train near Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, yesterday morning, according to a telegram received from Chihuahua city tonight. They are expected to reach that city tonight.

It is only a few weeks since the Washington government paid an indemnity of $15,000 to Mexican bandits for the release of two members of the military force of the United States.

Opinions differ on most subjects of a political nature, but we believe all true Americans will agree that here is genuine dollar diplomacy with a vengeance. If this policy is to prevail we can see no use at all of maintaining an army or navy. Let's save the money these things cost, in order to keep a fat fund on hand with which to purchase the safety of our nationals abroad.

Oklahoma City is evidently preparing to make the president's visit one long to be remembered. Two "eminent" citizens of that place have already been apprehended with a heavy cargo of Joplin booze which, they explained to the officers, they were bringing in for the "reception to President Wilson." If the president should take a nibble of that Joplin squirrel juice before he begins his talk God help Johnson and Borah!

OKLAHOMA OUTBURSTS

BY OTIS LORTON

A young lady who lost her purse in the Cosden Building is wondering how it got into a cuspidor in the Kennedy building.

It is understood that the Japs gave President Wilson a royal welcome to California. The Chinese however, did not take part in the parade.

Only three men, it is said, felt moved by the call for a mass meeting at the courthouse last Saturday evening to organize a league to prop up the crumbling foundations of the league of nations. This is the natural outcome of the democratic habit in this city of signing the names of a lot of gentlemen to a call without their knowledge or consent.

At the further risk of being called down for sarcasm by Horace Hogan, we undertake to spread the rumor that the Frisco railroad is making a desperate effort to induce Prince Eyeeling to withdraw from the senatorial race. Mr. Frisco's friends report, however, that the efforts are in vain, that Eyeeling is in no way under the influence of booze, and furthermore that Eyeeling did not go to Muskogee himself but he had accompanied that party would not be a candidate. It will be remembered that Eyeeling was in Oklahoma City on the day Fleming declined to run on account of his health, and the expectation for Fleming confined that he did so upon the full assurance of support and approval of Mr. Frisco.

Horace Hogan files a statement to an indictment appearing in this column, and says that the charge is founded on the printed fact that he is [illegible] Democratic Party. Horace says that he supported the democratic ticket in 1916 and that he is not a democrat. He says he is a republican and that he is for Harding for president and Boies Penrose for vice president. Horace says that he is not a democrat and that he is not for Cox for president and that he is not for Roosevelt