

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

On Plates of Gold
Why Fighting is Respectable
93,000 Titles a Second
Whiskey, Champion Criminal

One hundred year ago Joseph Smith, prophet, founded the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." He received from Heaven gold plates, mysteriously engraved, and from them, divinely guided, translated the Book of Mormon.

At least, that's his story. His followers say it should not be questioned by Christians that accept a similar story from Moses, about the tablets of the law.

Those that wisely respect all religions, denying none, are interested especially in the changes that have come over Mormonism still full of vitality after 100 years. Joseph Smith made a particular virtue of many wives for one man—so did wise King Solomon, by the way.

Modern Mormonism, rallying under the purple, blue and gold banner, "Cumorah-Ramah," says, "one wife is enough." That does not mean repudiating Joseph Smith. Many good Christians tone down Jonah and the whale, knowing that the earth is round, do not insist that the four angels actually stood at the four corners of the earth. All life is a compromise.

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, calculates the total wealth of the United States as about three hundred billions of dollars, three thousand dollars for every man, woman and child, nearly double the total wealth of 1912.

One hundred percent seems encouraging, and the Census Bureau figures may be technically accurate, but they don't mean anything.

A lady asks why the Dempsey-Firpo fight is allowed. "Once," says she, "prize fighters had to hide away in barns, like dog fighters. Now they have the police to keep order for them while they knock each other down. How can you explain that?"

Easily. A big prize fight now is worth two million dollars to the promoters. That makes it RESPECTABLE.

The owner of a little gambling house must hide away. The owner of a stock or produce exchange, where they bet millions, is respectable and protected. We have our weaknesses in this country, but we do show respect for anything above one million.

One single IDEA might be worth three hundred billions—for instance, an idea supplying men with unlimited free power from sun or tides. There are many times three hundred billions worth of wealth below the earth in mines, oil, gas, coal, and in the earth's thin crop producing carpet of soil.

There are more than three hundred billion dollars' worth of nitrogen in the air above us. This is a rich country, but we need more people, and instead of encouraging them to come in, we foolishly keep them out.

Henry Ford is studying a better kind of boat to carry freight and passengers. If he produces it, he will add billions to the nation's

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In addition to a beautiful private theatre it has, I guess, about 25 spacious rooms, used for sleeping, dancing, banquets, billiard playing, library, parlors, sitting rooms, etc. It is three stories high. Externally the place has quite an ordinary appearance, but the interior is dazzling in its magnificence. The walls are decorated by wonderful paintings by the best living artists. Most of the furniture is delicately carved and made colorful with genuine gold, silver, rubies, emeralds and other precious gems. Here and there is placed a work of art. The carpets and tiled mosaic flooring are such that could be obtained only by royalty.

In one room on the lower floor the walls were completely covered with sea shells, polished petrified wood and glistening minerals. The articles in this room were gathered from various corners of the globe. Many of the oyster shells were imbedded with pearls.

In Berlin, as everywhere else in the civilized world, there is considerable industrial unrest. Communist factions create a little disturbance now and then but it is soon squelched. The government is well prepared to cope with internal strife. Like everywhere else, too, there is in Berlin an ever-recurring demand for increased wages. Berlin has its share of unrest and discontent combined with uncertainty and uneasiness. Thruout the city I saw signs of public and private expenditure on large scales. Streets are being regraded, many buildings are being improved, and new structures are under way, I saw no idleness in either Berlin or elsewhere in Germany. The people are not starving. As stated before, there is to be sure a feeling of marked discontent over the money situation. Tomorrow the mark will not be worth as much as

wealth. The height of mechanical folly is carrying, on pounding rails and wheels, freight that ought to glide, without friction or wear, along thousands of miles of canal and rivers.

To enjoy a good headache, read Sir Ernest Rutherford, great British scientist, on the atom. A thousand atoms in the corner of your eye wouldn't bother you. You wouldn't know they were there.

The atom, a complex unit of pure electricity, of which all substances, elements, wealth, rocks, buildings, money and men are made, is a miniature solar system. It has a central electron which is like the sun.

Around it revolves dozens of smaller electrons like planets. The electrons farthest away from the center, in this miniature solar system, travel slowly in their orbits—only five hundred miles a second. Those nearest the center travel at the inconceivable speed of ninety-three thousand miles a second.

What horrible forces are locked up in those minute particles of matter? In such an "infra-world,"

Who knows what may happen, what generations may be born and lie in the fraction of a second? Who knows that this Milky Way cosmos of ours, compared to which the earth is as big as an atom compared with the earth itself, may not be a mere atom in a bigger cosmos?

The power that holds together the atoms in a glassful of water would if released, run all the machinery of the United States for an indefinite period.

A man asleep and drunk complains because thieves took his spectacles, false teeth and money.

That man shouldn't complain of thieves, but of the whiskey that he drank. Whiskey is the champion thief, stealing not only money, but health, reputation, character and finally life.

it is today. For that reason the citizens are spending their money as soon as it is obtained. The few beggars seen on the streets were mostly of the professional type. On several mornings I saw crowds of from 25 to 100 composed of men and women, gathered outside "supply houses" to obtain bread or meat, supplied either free or at cost by the authorities. The crowd was composed of orderly well dressed individuals, with no apparent signs of impoverishment or anarchy.

To the foreigners hotel bill there has a tax of 80 percent for the state. In addition to that there is another tax of ten percent for tips to the hotel servants.

Police regulations require registration at the station of the district within 24 hours after arrival if the visitor expects to stay more than 24 hours.

Foreigners are not allowed in Bavaria now unless they can prove they have a real, serious reason for going there.

In Thuringia, a district near Berlin, there is a tax of three dollars for Americans who wish to spend a week within its borders.

Germany today is the richest nation in Europe. It is also the bus-

iest European nation. Ship-yards, factories, railroads and other industries have more work than can well be taken care of.

In Hamburg I saw several new ships under way of construction. At one quay is the Albert Ballin, the latest addition to the new Transatlantic fleet, and next to her was the Deutschland, only half finished, which as the guide in the harbor steamer shouted to the sight-seers, "will be followed by other passenger ships bigger and better than those of Britain, France and the United States took from us."

Germany, as everyone knows, occupies almost the center of Europe. No other nation on earth can show a better system of railroads and canals. Most of her land is level. She produces twice as much corn and grain as England and France combined.

Altho she has lost important coal bearing areas Germany remains by far the richest European nation in the possession of coal. Statistics say she has more of that substance than England, France and Belgium combined. She has huge stores of lignite. She possesses more potash than the world can use in thousands of years. Her wealth of salts of

very kind is inexhaustible. Besides she produces large quantities of copper, lead and other minerals.

With her central position, the cheapness of her freight government-owned railroads, her wealth in coal and the really remarkable energy and industry of her people Germany is a nation to be considered. Before the war she dominated the world with chemicals, electrical goods, dyes, medical instruments, glassware and other things. In ship building alone Great Britain was superior to her.

The peace treaty has deprived Germany of valuable territories and of millions of people. She has, however, retained the bulk of her industrial establishments. At present she has 62,000,000 inhabitants, while France has fewer than 40,000,000 and Great Britain under 50,000,000. From the above it is obvious that Germany in physical and

human resources is superior to Great Britain and France.

Can 60,000,000 of Germans be kept for long in the position and condition they now occupy?

As stated in one of my previous letters there exists between the European people a feeling of distrust, fear and hatred for one another. England and France have lately been on the verge of a break-up; Italy and Greece are now fighting. No one can tell when the dogs of war will again be set loose. Germany with her highly organized military machine, in order to regain her standing will surely take a hand, and once more the world will be in a rum-pus.

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For the Miss in Her Teens A WIDE CHOICE

"Right up to the minute," is the Miss' motto and one she'll have no trouble living up to if her coat comes from this group. There are chummy coats of course and also many with intricate braidings and fur bandings for more dress-up occasions. Seldom are such fine coats offered at such price advantage.

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Something to keep the little folks snug as a bug in a rug is mother's problem now that winds come howling 'round the school-house corner. These coats are just the right solution and come in styles that make them as pretty as they are comfortable. Regulation reefers, gathered coats on yokes and belted styles make choosing easy.

Coats Handsomely Trimmed in LARGER WOMAN

A style better suited to the larger woman than this season's slim silhouette is hard to imagine. As a result instead of having to adapt the fashion to her figure she may this season adopt it in its most fashionable version.

SELECTION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IMPORTANT

The importance of selecting good, safe insurance companies is shown by the fact that only about sixteen per cent (16%) of the companies organized upon the stock plan which began in 1792 are still in operation and that only about seventy-five per cent (75%) of the companies organized upon the mutual plan which began in 1752 are still in operation.

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