AN ARSENAL IN THE CLOUDS.

A War Airship Which Is Being Constructed for Cuban Service.

Cuba is going to fight the Spaniards from the clouds. In a secluded grove in Florida a French engineer now has under construction an airship which is to be placed in the Cuban service. It will carry 125 men, 1,000 rifles, a half million rounds of rifle ammunition and dynamite shells. The airship is one of the most remarkable things of its kind ever conceived by an aeronaut. Its chief feature, which excites the greatest wonder, is its extreme lightness considering its tremendous strength. The airship consists of a boat-shaped car that does not swing, but is held solidly, though pendant, from a cluster of five balloons.

These balloons are held steadily in place by five aluminum belts, which go around the girths of the balloons and are connected at the points of contact by easy working ball-bearing joints, so that there can be no strain, and each belt can give gently one way or the other, as the balloon it holds might sway, without getting away from its mate. In this way the balloons are always manageable.

Besides the system of network which surrounds the balloons and which holds them attached to the car there are aluminum braces securing the belts or girths to the car below. These braces are also the stays for the sails forward and at the sides for steering purposes. The principle upon which this wonderful airship is steered is the same which governs the sailing of a yacht. A series of uprights over the car and just under the lower valves of the balloons sustains a shaft, which is revolved by electricity, and turns an immense fan, or screw at the rear of the ship, which acts as an air rudder as well as a propeller. Every piece of metal in the entire construction of this greyhound of the air is of aluminum.

There are nine windows on each side. something more than ten feet apart. A series of long, narrow openings, closed with aluminum bars, run around the upper guard which incloses the upper deck of the boat.

This marvelous air coach is provided with comfortable accommodations for 125 men. There is an electrical engine room, an electrical kitchen, and bedrooms, smoking-room and an observatory. The vessel is lighted, heated and worked by electricity. Water is taken from the clouds, and not a spark of fire is used in working this monstrous air ship. The balloon valves are operated by a system of electric buttons, and there is no confusion of ropes or lines. The observatory is provided with powerful glasses, and while the operator can ride far above the earth, out of reach of the longest range guns known to military science, he can bring the enemy's camp close to his range of vision and can throw dyna-

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

Sunday Sermon.

Subjact: "The Great Trial."

TEXT: "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."--I John ii., 1.

Standing in a court room, you say to yourself: "At this bar crime has often been arraigned; at this witness stand the oath has often been taken; at this jurors' bench the verdict has been rendered; at this judge's desk sentence has been pronounced." But I have to tell you to-day of a trial higher than any Oyer and Terminer or Circuit or Su-preme or Chancery. It is the trial of every Christian man for the life of his soul. This trial is different from any other in the fact that it is both civil and criminal.

The issues at stake are tremendous, and I shall in my sermon show you, first, what are the grounds of complaint: then, who are the witnesses in the cause, and lastly, who are the advocates.

When a trial is called on the first thing is to have the indictment read. Stand up then." O. Christian map, and hear the indictment of the court of high heaven against thy soul, It is an indictment of ten counts, for thou hast directly or indirectly broken all the ten ommandments. You know how it thundered on Sinai and when God came down

mountain rocked and the smoke deep trumpet attered the words: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die!" Are you guilty, or not guilty? Do not put in a negative plea too quick, for I have to announce that "all law, yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Do not therefore, be too hasty in pronouncing yourself not guilty. The lawsuit before us also charges you

with the breaking of a solemn contract. Many a time did we promise to be the Lord's. We got down on our knees and said: "O. Lord, I am Thine now and forever." Did you keep the promise? Have you stoot up to the contract? Have you not sometimes faitered when you ought to have been true? Have you not been proud when yoz ought to have been humble? Have you not played the coward when you ought to have been the hero? I charge it upon you and I charge it upon myself-we have broken the contract

Still further: this lawsuit claims damages at your hands. The greatest slander on the the Christian religion is an inconsistent professor. The Bible says religion is one thing; we, by our inconsistency, say religion is some other thing, and what is more deplorable about it is that people can see faults in others while they can not see any in them-If you shall at any time find some selves. miserable old gossip. with imperfections from the crown of her bead to the sole of her foot, a perfect blotch of sin herself, she will go tattling, tattling, tattling, all the years of her life about the inconsistencies of others. having no idea that she is inconsistent her-God save the world from the gossip, female and male! I think the males are the worst!

Now you have heard the indictment read. Are you ready to plead guilty or not guilty? Perhaps you are not ready yet to plead Then the trial will go on. The witnesses will be called, and we shall have the matter decided. In the name of God I now make prolamation: Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! whoever hath anything to offer in this trial in which God is the plaintiff and the Christian soul the defendant, let him now step forth and give testimony in this soleann trial. The first witness I call upon the stand in

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green pastures and beside still waters.

him, saying: 'Grieve not the Holy Ghost, Quench not the Spirit.' Yes, he has driven Me back. Though I am the Third Person of the Trinity, he has trampled on My Mission. The Eminent Washington Divine's and the blood of the Atonement that I brought with which to cleanse his soul, he sometimes despised. I came from the throne of God to convert, and comfort and sanctify, and yet look at that man and see what he is compared with what, unresisted, I would have made him."

The evidence on the part of the prosecu-tion has closed. Now let the defense bring on the rebuital testimony. What have you, O Christian soul, to bring in reply to this ev-idence of the world, of the conscience, of the angel and of the Holy Ghost? No evidence? Are all these things true? "Yes. Unclean, unclean," says every Christian soul, What? Do you not begin to tremble at the thought

of condemnation? We have now come to the most interesting part of this great trial. The evidence all in. The advocates speak. The profession of an advocate is full of responsibility. In England and the United States there have ariser men who in this calling have been honored by their race and thrown contempt upon those who in the profession have been guilty of a great many meannesses. That profession will be honorable as long as it has at-tached to it such names as Mansfield, and Marshall, and Story, and Keat, and South-ard, and William Wirt. The court room has ometimes been thescene of very marvelous and thrilling things. Some of you remember the famous Girard will case, where one

of our advocates pleaded the cause of the Bible and Christianity in masterly Anglo-Saxon, every paragraph a thunderbolt. But I turn from the recital of this memorable occasion to a grander trial, and I have to tell you that in this trial of the Christian, ascended as from a smoldering furnace, and the darkness gathered thick, and the loud, for the life of his soul the advocates are mightier, wiser and more el.quent. The evidence all being in, severe and stern Justice rises on behalf of the prosecution to make his plea. With the Bibie open in his have sinned and come short of the glory of have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none that doeth good; no, not one. Whose ver shall keep the whole it shall die." Then he says: "O, Thou Judge and Lawgiver, this is Thine own statute, and all the evidence in earth and heaven agree that the man has sinned against these enactments. Now let the sword leap from its scabbard. Shall a man go through the very flames of Sinai un-singed? Let the law be executed. Let independent the the dist judgment be pronounced. Let him die. I demand that he die!"

O. Christiau, does it not look very dark for thee? Who will plead on thy side in so for-lorn a caus ? Sometimes a man will be brought into a court of law, and he will have no friends and no money, and the Judge will look over the bar and say: "Is there any one who will volunteer to take

this man's case and defend him?" And some young man rises up and says: "I will be his counsel;" perhaps starting on from that very point to a great and brilliant carsor. Now, in this matter of the soul, as you have nothing to pay for counsel, do you think that any one will volupteer? Yes, yes: I see One rising. He is a young man, only thirtythree years of age. I see His countenance suffused with tears and covered with blood. and all the galleries of heaven are thrilled with the speciacle. Thanks be unto God, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Ob. Christian soul, your case begins to look better. I think, pechaps, after all, you may not have to die. The best Alvocute in the universe has taken your side. No one was ever so qualified to defend you. He knows all the law, all its demands, all its penalties. He is always ready, No new turn of the case can surprise Him, and He will plead for you for nothing as earnestly as though you brought a world of treasure to His feet. Basides that, He has undertaken the case of thousands who were as tor orn as you, and He has never lost a case. Courage, O Christian soul! I think that, after all, there may be some chance for you. for the great Advocate rises to make His plea. He says: "I admit all that has been

LIKE BEASTS OF BURDEN.

They are Men of Japan Who Do the Work of Horses.

One, if not the greatest, obstacle in the way of the industrial progress of Japan is the fact that upward of 1,000,000 of the most muscular of its

population are engaged as beasts of burden. In this calculation, writes a correspondent, I do not include those occupations in which the day laborers of all civilized countries are engaged. The statement is simply based on the fact that over 1,000,000 of the vigorous manhood are engaged in the transportation of people and commodities from place to place, performing the work which in Europe and America is done by animals, by steam, by electricity and other modern methods of conveyance. So tremendous is this drain upon the population of the empire that much, of the other hard labor, such as loading coal on vessels, handling heavy freight on railways, the driving and loading of pack horses, heavy farm work and the like is performed by women who, dressed in tight blue cotton trousers and tunics, are compelled to

do for Japan what the 'longshoremen, yardmen and farm laborers do in the United States. The estimate that over 1,000,000 men

are engaged in the Mikado's empire in these degrading occupations is based upon the fact that the returns of 1895 show a total of 199,411 jinrikishas and 914,830 hand carts. As all these carriages and carts are licensed, the returns are probably correct. In the case of the jinrikishas the number of pullers and pushers is greatly in excess of the number of vehicles. This comes

from the fact that some of the vehicles have two men, and because in large cities the same vehicle is rented out during the twenty-four hours to two different men. It is safe to assume that nearly 250,000 coolies are directly and indirectly engaged as pullers and pushers of these conveyances. As for carts, the same holds true. They are propelled with enormous loads, sometimes by two bent and wrinkled old men, sometimes by one strong and hearty young man of low intelligence, and sometimes by mere boys, from 10 to 15 years of age. One million, therefore, would seem to be within the mark. This gives us a total of 1,250,000 human horses.

To the ordinary observer these jinrikishas seem a novel and delightful experience. They combine all the joys of a human horse. They help you into the carriage, hand you your parasol or umbrella, tuck the rug around you, and land you at the door of the shop of house. Moreover, they take care of your parcels. In rainy weather they pull up the hood and fasten the oilcioth in front, so that nothing but a peep-hole is left, and you are safe from the wet and the mud. All you see is the bare legs of the hedgehog-looking creature who, covered with a peculiar hat and coat of a reedy grass, is rushing onward through slush and snow and sleet and rain. This is well enough for the passenger within, but what are the effects of the occupation upon the man without? What is the effect of the employment of 1,250,000 of the robust men of Japan in this way and in the hauling of carts upon the rest of the population? These are questions that must be carefully weighed in any estimate of the future industrial importance of Japan.

IN A GOLDEN VASE Rest the Hearts of the Royal Hapsburgs of Austria.

A curious custom has been followed by the members of the Austrian house of Hapsburg for many centuries. It is

> that of having their 80.00 hearts cut out after death and each one inclosed in a receptaclebyitself. Knowledge of th's ancient custom recently came to light in Vienna, by a report that the late Carl Ludwig, heir to the Austrian throne, forbade the

A HAPSBURG HEART Femoval of his heart after death. The report caused quite a sensation. The custom dates back to the thiz-

teenth century, when Francis, Duke of Aargau, dying away from home, directed that his heart be cut from his body and sent back to his native land. Since then every Hapsburg has had his or her heart removed and buried apart from the body in a gold and crystal vase. This custom has prevailed up to the time of Carl Ludwig's death. In the Capucine Chapel in Vienna, placed in a vault beneath the ground, there are 113 coffins, containing all that remains of the royal Hapsburgs, who have ruled over the destinies of Austria. There are also 152 vases of crystal mounted in gold, each containing the heart of one of these rulers and of others whose bodies rest elsewhere.

Something whizzed through the air at

a distance of about ten feet from the

head of William the Conqueror.

"Wasn't that an arrow?' asked the

monarch. "It went rather too wide for

a narrow," said the court ester; and

from that moment his office began to

lose in importance and respectability .--

Indianapolis Journal.

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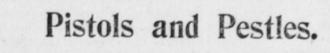
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The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relica of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets. to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's sugar coated pills. They treat the liver as a friend, not as an enemy. Instead of driving it, they coax it. They are

mite bombs down upon his adversaries with remarkable precision.

Emperor William Kouckled.

Emperor William finally gave up in the struggie with his Ministers over court martial retorm.

London's Oldest Restaurant.

Probably the oldest restaurant in London is Crosby Hall, in Bishopgate street, in the city. This was built more than 500 years ago, was once the palace of Richard III., and afterward the residence of Sir Thomas More. It was in this building that Shakspeare laid the scene of Richard's plots for the murder of the young princes.

The Ladies.

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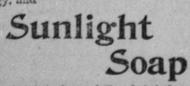
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behalf of the prosecution is the world-all proved a rainst My client. I admit all these critical and observant of Christian charsin-, ay, more; but look at that wounded hand of Miny ap 1 look at that other wound-You know that there are people around you who perpetually banquet on the frailities of Got's children. You may know. foot By all the e wound of plead for his if you have lived in the country, that a crow clearance. Count all the drops of My tears. Count all the drops of My blood. By the cares for nothing so much as carrion. There humiliation of Bethlehem, by the sweat of Gethsemaue, by the sufferings of the cross, I demand that he go free. On this arm he bath leaned; to this heart he bath flown; ia are those who imagine that out of the faults of Christians they can make a bridge of boats across the stream of death, and they are going to try it; but, alas for the mistake! When they get mid-stream away will go the My tears he hath washed, on My righteousbridge and down will go their souisto perdi-tion. O world of the greedy eye and the ness he hath depended. Let him go free. J am the ransom. Let him escape the lash; I hand heart, come on the stand now and tes-tify in behalf of the prosocution against this took the scourgings. Lat the cup pass from him; I drank it to the dregs. Put on him the crown of life, for I have worn the crown Christian soul on trial. What do you know about this Christian map? "Ob," says the world, "I know a great deal about him. He of thorns. Over against my throne of shame set his throne of triumph!' talks about putting his freasures in heaven, but he is the sharpest man in a trade I ever Weil, the counsel on both sides have spoken, and there is only one more thing knew. He seems to want us to believe that he is a child of God, but he is just full of imperfections. I do not know but I am a

now remaining, and that is the awarding of the judgment. If you have ever been in a court room you know the silence and solgreat deal bener than he is now. Often-times he is very earthly, and he talks so htemulty when the versict is about to be repdered, or the judgment about to be given. the about Christ and so much about himself. About this soul on trial-shall it be saved or shall it be lost? Attention! above, around, I am very glad to testify that this is a bad beneath. All the universe ories: "Hear! Stop, O World, with the greedy eye and hard heart. I fear you are too much interhear!

The Judge rises and gives this decision, ested in this trial to give impartial evidence. Let all those who hear the testimony of this never to be changed, never to be revoked: "There is, therefore, now no condemnation

witness know that there is an old family quarrel between these two parties. There to them who are in Christ Jesus." But, my friends, there is coming a day of always has been a variance between the World and the Church, and while the World trial in which not only the saint but the sinner must appear. That day of trial will come very suddenly. The farme: will be at on the witness stand to-day has told a great deal of truth about this Christian man, you the plow, the merchant will be in the countmust take it all with much allowance, reing room, the woodman will be ringing his membering that they still keep the old grudge good. O, World of the greedy and the hard ax on the hickories, the weaver will have his foot on the treadle, the manufacturer heart, that will do: you must sit down. will be walking amid the buzz of looms and The second with sas I call in this case is the clacking of flying machinery, the coun-sel may be at the bar pleading the law, the Conscience. Who art thou, O Conscience? What is your business? Where were you born? What are you doing here? "Oh," says Conscience, "I was born in heavan. I I came down to b friend this man. I have lived with him. I have instructed him. I have warned him. I showed him the right minister may be in the pulpit pleading the gospel, the drankard may be realing and I his cups and the blasphemer with the oath

The sau hides. Night comes down at mid noon. The stars appear at noon to-day. The earth shudders and throbs. There and the wrong, advising him to take the one and eschew the other. I have kindled a great light in his soul. With a whip of scorpion I have scourged his wickedness, and I have tried to cheer him when doing right; cranite cliffs in avaianche of rock. Rivers roll in their sockets and send down their granite cliffs in avalanche of rock. Rivers and yet I am compelled to testil, on the stand to-day that he was sometimes rejected pause in their chase for the sea, and ocean, uprearing, cries to the flying Alps and Him-alaya. Beas s bellow and moan and snuff up my masion. Oh, how many cups of life have I pressed to his lips that he dashed own, and how often has be stood with his the daraness. Clouds fly like flocks of swift eagles. Great thunders beat and boom ard beel on the bleeding heart of the Son and burst. Stars shoot and fall. The Al-mighty rising on His throne, declares that of God! It pairs me ver, much that I have to testify against this Christian man, and yet I must, in behalt of Him who will in no time shall be no longer, and the archangels trump repeats it till all the living hear, and the continents of dead spring to their feet, yet 1 must, in benation And who will in no wise clear the guilty, say that this Christian man h.s done wrong. He has been worldiy. He has been neglectful. He has done a thousand things he ought not to have done, and left undone a thousan i things he ought to have done." That will do, Conscience. You can sit down. crying: "Time shall be no longer!" Oh, on on that day will you be ready?

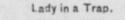
I have shown you bow well the Christian will get off in his tria!. Will you get off as well in your trial? Will Christ plead on your well in yourtrial? Will Christ plead on your side or against you? Oh, what will you do an in the last great assize, if your conscience is against you, and the world is against you, and the angels of heaven are against you, and the Holy Spirit is against you? Better the day source and dynamic The third witness I call in the case is an angel of God. Bright and shining one, what actes thou here? What has thou to say against this man on trial? "Oh." says the angel, "I have been a messenger to him. I have guarded him. I have washed him. With this day secure an Advocate. this wing I have defended him, and often-tim s, when he knew it not, I led him into

TORCH 100 FEET HIGH.

Flaming Gas and Oil Well Makes a Grand Spectacle.

Ricen pastures and beside still waters. I snatched from him the poisoned chal-ice.. When had spirits came upon him to destroy him, I fought them back with infinite fle veness, and yet I have to testify to-day that he has rejected my mission. He has not done as he ought to have done. Though I came from the sky, he drove me back. Though with this wing I defended him, and though with this woice I wooed him, I have to announce his multiplied imperfections. The Ogden (W. Va.) oil fields was the scene a few nights ago of the most brilliant spectacle ever witnessed in the country. The famous Newbanks oil well, which is also a strong producer of gas, took fire through accident, burning the derrick and several thousand barrels of oil. When the pressure was reduced at the mouth of the well the gas to announce his multiplied imperfections. I thousand barrels of oil. When the pressure dar, not keep back the testimony, for then I should not dare to appear again amongst the sinless ones before the great white it into the air more than one hundred feet.

the sinless ones before the great white Throne." There is only one more witness to be called on behalf of the prosecution, and that is the reat, t. e holy. the august, the omnipotent spirit of God. We how down before Him. Holy Spirit, knowest Thou this man? "Oh, e." s vs the holy one, "I know him. I have staven with him ten thousand times, and though sometimes he did seem to repen, he teil back again as often from his first es-tate. Ten thousand times ten thousand has the grieved Me, although the Bible warned



We have all met people whose pride in their own possessions is so great that they can see no charms in those of others. A young botanist was showing a party of ladies and gentlemen through a conservatory, and explaining to them the properties of some of the choicest plants. Among the visitors was a would-be-young-looking, middleaged lady, who at every description volunteered the statement that the plants and flowers she had at home were quite equal to anything exhibited here, or, indeed, anywhere, says Tid-Bits.

Just as they were passing a giant cactus she was to heard to exclaim:

"Well, this is nothing extraordinary. I have a cactus at home that is still larger. I planted and reared it myself."

"Reared it yourself," the professor gently observed. "How remarkable! This specimen is sixty-three years old, and if yours is still larger-

The lady did not stay to hear any more, but executed a strategic movement to the rear.

Insects Speedier Than Birds.

Science says that many insects can fly faster than birds. The common house fly can ordinarily fly twenty-five feet a second. But when it is alarmed it has been found that it can increase its rate of speed to over 160 feet per second. If it could continue such rapid flight for a mile in a straight line it would cover that distance in exactly thirty-three seconds. It is not an uncommon thing when travelling by rail in the summer time to see a bee or wasp keeping up with the train and trying to get in at one of the windows. A swallow is considered one of the swiftest of flying birds, and it was thought until recently that no insect could escape it. A naturalist tells of an exciting chase he saw between a swallow and a dragon fly, which is among the swiftest of insects. The insect flew with incredible speed, and wheeled and dodged with such case that the swallow, despite its utmost efforts, completely failed to overtake and capture it.

A farmer in Topeka, Kan., whose Sunday clothes had been solled by his horse rubbing against them, savagely sank his teeth into the animal's car. At the same instant the horse suddenly tossed his head in the air and broke the man's jaw in three pieces.

