

# THE GOOD RELIGION DOES.

## Dr. Talmage Preaches on the Influence of the Gospel in Business.

### Christianity and the Intellect—Can You Get Along Without It?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage advocates the idea that the Christian religion is as good for this world as the next, and will help us to do anything that ought to be done at all; Timothy iv, 8. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise the certain that now is and of that which is to come."

There is a gloomy and passive way of waiting for events to come upon us, and there is a heroic way of going out to meet them, strong in God and unshaken. When the body of Caline was found on the battlefield, it was found far in advance of all his troops and among the enemy, and the best way is not for us to lie down and let the events of life trample over us, but to go forth in a Christian spirit determined to conquer. You are expecting prosperity, and I am determined, so far as I have anything to do with it, that you shall not be disappointed, and, therefore, I propose, as God may help me, to project upon your attention a new element of success. You have in the business firm frugality, patience, industry, perseverance, economy—a very strong business firm—but there needs to be one member added, mightier than them all, and not a silent partner either, the one introduced by my text, "Godliness, which is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is as well as of that which is to come."

I suppose you are all willing to admit that godliness is important in its eternal relations, but perhaps some of you say, "All I want is an opportunity to say a prayer before I die, and all will be well. There are a great many people who suppose that if they can finally get safely out of this world into a better world they will have exhausted the entire advantage of our holy religion. They talk as though religion were a mere nod of recognition which we are to give to the Lord Jesus on our way to a heavenly mansion; as though it were an admission ticket, of no use except to give in at the door of heaven. And there are thousands of people who have great admiration for religion, and a religion of the cemetery who have no appreciation of a religion for the bank, for the farm, for the factory, for the warehouse, for the jeweler's shop, for the office. Now, while I would not throw any slur on a post-mortem religion, I want to-day to enliven an ante-mortem religion. A religion that is of no use to you while you live will be of no use to you when you die. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is as well as of that which is to come." And I have always noticed that when grace is very low in a man's heart he talks a great deal in prayer meetings about death and about coffins and about graves and about churchyards. I have noticed that the healthy Christian, the man who is living near to God and in the straight road to heaven, is full of jubilation and gladness and talks about the duties of this life, understanding well that if God helps him to live right He will help him to die right.

Now, in the first place, I remark that godliness is good for man's physical health. I do not mean to say that it will restore a broken down constitution or drive rheumatism from the limbs or neuralgia from the temples or pleurisy from the side, but I do mean to say that it gives one such habits and puts one in such a condition as are most favorable for physical health. That I believe, and that I avow.

Everybody knows that buoyancy of spirit is good for physical advantage. Gloom, unrest, dejection, are at war with every pulsation of the heart and with every respiration of the lungs. They lower the vitality and slacken the circulation, while exhilaration of spirit pours the very balms of heaven through all the channels of life.

The sense of insecurity which sometimes hovers over an unregenerate man or pounds upon him with the blast of ten thousand trumpets of terror is most depressing and most exhausting while it lasts, and that all things are working together for our good and for our everlasting welfare is conducive to physical health.

You will observe that godliness induces industry, which is the foundation of good health. There is no law of hygiene that will keep a lazy man well. Pleurisy will stab him, erysipelas will burn him, jaundice will discolor him, gout will cripple him, and the intelligent physician will not prescribe antiseptics or febrifuges or anodynes, but saws and hammers and yardsticks and crowbars and pickaxes. There is no such thing as good physical condition without positive work of some kind, and the man who should sleep on down or swan or ride in carriage of softest upholstery or have on your table all the luxuries that were poured from the vats of Isphahan and Shiraz. Our religion says: "Away to the shop, away to the factory! Do something that will enlist all the energies of your body, mind and soul!"

"Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," while upon the bare back of the idler and the drone comes down the sharp lash of the apostle as he says, "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat."

Oh, how important is this day, when so much is said about anatomy and physiology and therapeutics and some new style of medicine is ever and anon springing upon the world, that you should understand that the highest school of medicine is the school of Christ, which declares that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is as well as of that which is to come." So if you start out two men in the world with equal physical health, and then one of them shall get the religion of Christ in his heart and the other shall not get it, the one who becomes a son of the Lord Almighty will live the longer. "With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Again I remark that godliness is good for the intellect. I know some have supposed that just as soon as a man enters into the Christian life his intellect goes into a bedwaring process. So far from that, religion will give new brilliancy to the intellect, new strength to the imagination, new force to the will and wider swing to all the intellectual faculties.

Christianity is the great central fire at which philosophy has lighted its brightest torch.

The religion of Christ is the fountain out of which learning has dipped its clearest draft. The Helicon poured forth no such inspiring waters as those which flow from under the throne of God clear as crystal.

Religion has given new energy to poetry, weeping in Dr. Young's "Night Thoughts," teaching in Cowper's "Task," flaming in Charles Wesley's hymns and rushing with archangelic splendor through Milton's "Paradise Lost." The religion of Christ has hung in studio and in gallery of art and in Vatican the best pictures—Titian's "Assumption," Raphael's "Transfiguration," Rubens' "Descent from the Cross," Claude's "Burning Bush" and Angelo's "Last Judgment." Religion has made the best music of the world—Haydn's "Creation," Handel's "Messiah," Mozart's "Requiem." Is it possible that a religion which builds such indestructible monuments, and which lifts its ensign on the highest promontory of worldly power, can have any effect upon a man's intellect but elevation?

Now, I commend godliness as the best

mental discipline, better than helms letters to purify the taste, better than mathematics to harness the mind to all intricacy and elaboration, better than logic to marshal the intellectual forces for onset and victory.

Again I remark that godliness is profitable for one's disposition. Lord Ashley, before he went into a great battle, was heard to offer this prayer: "O Lord, I shall be very busy to-day! If I forget Thee, forgive me not." With such a Christian disposition as that a man is independent of all circumstances.

Our piety will have a tinge of our natural temperament. If a man be cross and sour and impatient, naturally, after he becomes a Christian he will always have to be armed against the rebellion of those evil inclinations.

But religion has tamed the wildest natures. It has turned fretfulness into gratitude, deponency into good cheer, and those who were hard and unloving and uncompromising have been made pliable and conciliatory.

Good resolution, reformatory effort, will not effect the change. It takes a mightier arm and a mightier hand to bend evil habits than the hand that bent the bow of Ulysses, and it takes a stronger lasso than ever held the buffalo on the prairie.

A manufacturer cares but very little for a man that slowly runs through the meadow, but values a tormented steed from rock to rock and rushes with mad energy through the valley and out toward the sea. Along that river you will find fluting shuttles and grinding mill and churning water wheels. And a nature the swiftest, the most rugged and the most treacherous—that is the nature that God turns into great usefulness.

Religion will give an equipoise of spirit, and will keep you from ebullitions of temper, and you know a great many fine businesses have been blown to atoms by bad temper. It will keep you from worry and frequent loss; it will keep you back from squandering and from dissipation; it will give you a kindness of spirit which will be easily distinguished from that mere store courtesy which shakes hands violently with you, asking about the health of your family, when there is no anxiety to know whether your child is well or sick, but the anxiety is to know how many dozen cambric pocket handkerchiefs you will take and pay cash down. It will prepare you for the practical duties of everyday life.

In New York City there was a merchant, hard in his dealings with his fellows, who had written over his banking house or his counting house room, "No compromise." Then when some merchant got in a crisis and went down to the merchants, but a conjunction of evil circumstances—and all the other merchants were willing to compromise—they would take seventy-five cents on the dollar or fifty cents or twenty cents—come to this man last of all, he said, "No compromise. I'll take 100 cents on the dollar, and I can afford to wait." Well, the wheel turned, and after awhile that man was in a crisis of business, and he sent out his agent to compromise, and the agent said to the merchants, "Will you take fifty cents on the dollar?" "No." "Will you take anything?" "We'll take 100 cents on the dollar. No compromise." And the man who wrote that inscription over his counting house door died in destitution. Oh, we want more of the kindness of the gospel and the spirit of love in our business enterprises!

How many young men have found in the religion of Jesus Christ a practical help? How many there are to-day who could testify out of their own experience that godliness is profitable for the life that now is! There were times in their business career when they went here for help and there for help and yonder for help and got no help until they knelt before the Lord crying for His deliverance, and the Lord rescued them.

In a bank not far from New York—a village bank—an officer could not balance his accounts. He had worked at them day after day, and night after night, and he was sick with death as a result. He knew that he had not taken one farthing from that bank, but somehow, for some reason, inscrutable then, the accounts would not balance. The time rolled on and the morning of the day when the books should pass under the inspection of the other officers arrived, and he felt himself in awful peril, conscious of his own integrity, but unable to prove that integrity. That morning he went to the bank early, and he knelt down before God and told the whole story of mental anguish, and he said: "O Lord, I have done right, I have preserved my integrity, but here I am about to be overruled unless Thou shouldst come to my rescue, Lord, deliver me." And for one hour he continued the prayer before God, and then he arose and went to an old blotter that he had forgotten all about. He opened it, and there lay a sheet of figures which he only needed to add to another line of figures—some line of figures he had forgotten and knew not where he had laid them—and the accounts were balanced, and the Lord delivered him. You are an infidel, that you do not believe it. The Lord delivered him. God answered his prayer, as He will answer your prayer, oh, man of business, in every crisis when you come to Him.

Now, if this be so, then I am persuaded, as you are, of the fact that the vast majority of Christians do not fully test the value of their religion. They are like a farmer in California with 15,000 acres of good wheat land and cultivating only a quarter of an acre.

Why do you not go forth and make the religion of Jesus Christ a practical affair every day of your business life and all this year, beginning now, and to-morrow morning putting into practical effect this holy religion and demonstrating that godliness is profitable here as well as hereafter?

How can you get along without this religion? Do your physical health so good you do not want this divine tonic? Is your mind so clear, so vast, so comprehensive, that you do not want this divine inspiration? Is your worldly business so thoroughly established that you have no use for that religion which has been the help and deliverance of tens of thousands of men in crises of worldly trouble? And if what I have said is true then you see what a fatal blunder it is when a man adjourns the life of his expiration the uses of religion. A man who postpones religion to sixty years of age gets religion fifty years too late. He may get into the kingdom of God by final repentance, but what can compensate him for a whole lifetime unrelieved and un-comforted? You want religion to-day in the training of that child. You will want religion to-morrow in dealing with that customer. You wanted religion yesterday to curb your temper. Is your arm strong enough to beat your way through the floods? Can you, without being incensed in the mail of God's eternal help, go forth amid the assault of all hell's sharpshooters? Can you walk alone across these crumbling graves and amid these gaping earthquakes? Can you, waterlogged and fast shivering, outlive the gale? Oh, how many there have been who, postponing the religion of Jesus Christ, have plunged into mistakes they could never correct, and whose lives lived sixty years after, and like sermons crushed under cart wheels dragging their mangled bodies under the rocks to die. So these men have fallen under the wheel of awful calamity, while a vast multitude of others have taken the religion of Jesus Christ into everyday life, and, first, in practical business affairs, and, second, on the throne of heavenly triumph, have illustrated while angels looked on and a universe approved, the glorious truth that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life which now is as well as of that which is to come."

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## COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

### General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Company's "Weekly Review of Trade Conditions": Consumers of iron and steel products are still anxious regarding conditions during the next three months. After July 1 it is believed that deliveries will be ample. According to the "Iron Age" the weekly capacity of pig iron furnaces in blast on March 1 had declined to 330,710 tons, or about ten thousand tons from the production on February 1. All records prior to February 1 are still eclipsed and the resumption of many idle plants this month practically assures new high water marks in the near future unless some unforeseen interruption occurs. Official indications of farm reserves on March 1 were not surprising as to corn, but the statement that 23 per cent. of the enormous wheat yield remained in farmers' hands was not calculated to sustain values. Needed rains in the Southwest made the outlook more favorable for the next crop and further weakness in quotations developed. A sustaining feature was the interior movement of only 2,681,891 bushels, against 3,002,050 last year. "Failures for the week were 232 in the United States, against 209 last year, and 34 in Canada, against 33 in 1901."

### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Best Patent, \$4.90; High Grade Extra, \$4.40; Minnesota Bakers, \$3.75-3.85.

Wheat—New York No. 2, 85½¢; Philadelphia No. 2, 85¼¢; Baltimore No. 2, 84¾¢.

Corn—New York No. 2, 69¼¢; Philadelphia No. 2, 65¼¢; Baltimore No. 2, 67½¢.

Oats—New York No. 2, 52¢; Philadelphia No. 2, 51¢; Baltimore No. 2, 49½¢.

Hay—No. 1, timothy large bales \$15.00-15.50; No. 2, timothy, \$14.00-14.50; No. 3 do, \$12.00-13.00.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples—New York, assorted, per bbl., \$3.75-4.50; York Imperials, per bbl., \$3.75-4.00.

Beets—Florida, new, per crate, \$3.00-4.00; Brooklyn—Norfolk, per bbl., 70-85¢.

Cabbage—New York, large Danish, per ton, \$8.00-10.00; do, small Danish, per ton, \$16.00-17.00; do, new Florida, per crate \$1.50-1.75; do, Early York, per crate, \$2.00-2.25.

Carrots—Native, per bu. box, 45-50¢; Celery—Native, per bunch, 25¢.

Exotics—Florida, per crate, \$3.00-4.00.

Grape fruit—Florida, per box, fancy, \$5.00-6.00; Horseshoe—Native, per box, \$1.00-1.25.

Lettuce—North Carolina, per half-barrel basket, 75¢-1.25; do, Florida, per half-barrel basket, \$1.00-2.00.

Onions—Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bu., \$1.15-1.20; do, Western, yellow, per bu., \$1.15-1.20.

Oranges—Florida, per box, as size, \$2.25-3.25; do, California seedlings, per box, \$1.75-2.25; do, navel, per box, \$2.00-3.00.

Oyster plants—Native, per bunch, 2½-3¢.

Radishes—Florida, per bunch, 10-15¢.

Spinach—Native, per bu. box, 15-20¢; Norfolk, per bbl., \$1.00-1.25.

Spring onions—Florida, per quart, 55-60¢.

Strawberries—Florida, per quart, refrigerator, 20-25¢; do, open crate, 10-15¢.

Tomatoes—Florida, per six-basket carrier, fancy, \$2.75-3.00; do, fair to good, \$1.50-2.00.

Turnips—Native, per bu. box, 25-30¢.

Potatoes—White, Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu., No. 1, 75-80¢; do, second, 65-70¢; do, New York, per bu., best stock, 75-80¢; do, seconds, 65-70¢; do, Western, per bu., prime, 75-80¢.

Sweets—Eastern Shore, Virginia, kiln-dried, per bbl., \$2.25-2.40; do, per four bbl., \$2.00-2.25; do, Maryland, per bbl., fancy, \$2.00-2.25; do, York River, per bbl., No. 1, \$2.00-2.50; Yams—North Carolina, per bbl., No. 1, \$1.50-1.75.

Butter—Separator, 28-30¢; gathered cream, 24-25¢; imitation, 20-22¢; prints, 1-1b, 28-30¢; rolls, 2-1b, 28-30¢; dairy prints, Md., Pa. and Va., 28-30¢.

Eggs—Maryland and Pennsylvania, per dozen, 15-16¢; Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, do, 15-16¢; Virginia, do, —85¢; West Virginia, do, —85¢; Western, do., —85¢; Southern, —84¢.

Guinea, do, —84¢; Duck—Eastern Shore, Fancy, per dozen—83¢; do, Western and Southern, do, 82-83¢; do, small and dirty, do, 72-82¢; goose, 45-50¢.

Cheese—New cheese, large, 60 lbs, 12½¢; do, flats, 37 lbs, 12½¢ to 12½¢; picnic, 23 lbs, 12½¢ to 13¢.

Live and Dressed Poultry—Turkeys—Hens, choice, 15-16¢; young tons choice —14¢.

Chickens—Hens, 12-12½¢; old roosters, each 25-30¢; young —13¢.

Ducks—Fancy, large, 13-14¢; do, small, 11-12¢.

Geese, Western, ea. 55-75¢.

Guinea fowl, each, 15-20¢.

Dressed poultry—Turkeys—Hens, good to choice, 17-20¢; hens and young tons, mixed, good to choice, —16¢.

Ducks, good to choice, 14-15¢.

Chickens—Young, good to choice, 12-14¢; mixed, old, young, 11-12¢.

Geese, good to choice, 10-13¢.

Capons—Fancy, large, 17-18¢.

Dressed Hogs—Western Maryland and Pennsylvania lightweights, 7½-7¾¢ per lb; Virginia and Southern Maryland, best stock, 7½¢ per lb; medium hogs, 6½-7¢; and heavyweights irregular at from 5 to 6½¢ per lb.

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Hides—Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60 lbs and up, close selection, 10-10½¢; cows and light steers, 8-8½¢.

### Live Stock.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers \$6.00-6.95; poor to medium \$4.25-6.30; stockers and feeders \$2.50-5.25; cows, \$1.40-5.50; heifers, \$2.50-6.00; canners, \$1.40-2.40; bulls \$2.50-4.00; calves \$3.00-5.00; Texas fed steers, \$4.75-5.50.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers \$6.00-6.50; good to choice heavy \$6.40-6.60; rough heavy \$6.00-6.50; light \$6.00-6.25; bulk of sales \$5.00-6.45.

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Sheep steady; best wethers \$5.00-5.70; culls and common \$2.50-3.50; veal calves \$7.00-7.50.

### LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

France has 16,000 physicians; their incomes average but \$600 a year.

Cleveland's labor unions have united a labor lycum building is contemplated.

The trackmen of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg will join the national association.

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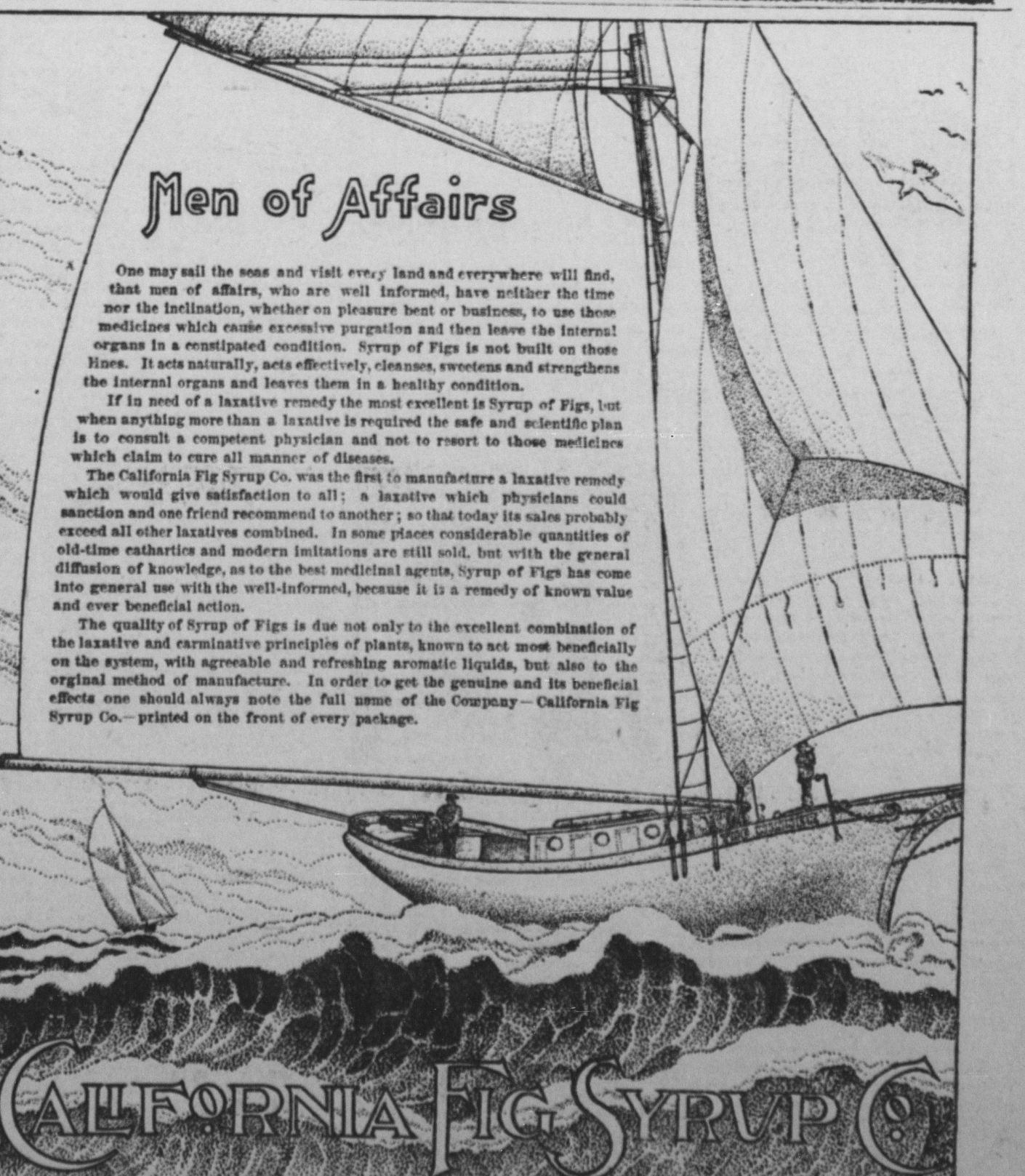
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