

SEMONS BY EARNEST H. BROWN. GOSPEL MESSAGES.

Rev. George H. Hepworth Preaches in the New York Herald's Columns on "An Ennobling Faith"—Rev. Dr. Talmage Tells About "The Bare Arm of God."

With the return of Rev. George H. Hepworth to New York from his tour of the Herald closed its series of competitive sermons, fifteen altogether having appeared in its columns on consecutive Sundays.

Dr. Hepworth resumes his regular Sunday sermons in the reading of the Herald's columns. The first one is entitled "An Ennobling Faith," and appears below in full.

Text: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."—Hebrews 11:1.

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"Nothing more impresses me in the Bible than the ease with which God does most things. There is such a reserve of power in His more thunderbolts than He has ever flung; more light than He has ever distributed; more blue than that with which He has overarched the sky; more green than that with which He has emerald-ed the grass; more crimson than that with which He has burnished the sunsets. I say it with reverence—from all that I can see, God has never failed tried.

My text makes it plain that the rectification of this world is a stupendous undertaking. It takes more power to make this world over again than it took to make it at first. A word was only necessary for the first creation, but for the new creation the unswept and unhindered forsoam of the Almighty. The reason of that I can understand.

In the shipyards of Liverpool, or Glasgow, or New York, a great vessel is constructed. The architect draws out the plan, the length of the beam, the capacity of tonnage, the rotation of wheel or screw, the cabin, the masts and all the appointments of a great palace of steel.

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TELEGRAMS TELLING. TRAGEDY IN JAIL.

Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria is very ill. Gen. Rosecrans is reported dying at Los Angeles, Cal.

The great iron Pango bridge in Cuba has been destroyed by insurgents. Luertger, the Chicago wife-murderer, will make sausages for use in the prison.

Mutilated bills are held by the New Jersey court of errors not to be legal tender. The Carnegie steel workers at Homestead, Pa., are drilling daily, preparing for war with Spain.

Ex-Minister De Lome will now publish a book, dealing with his retirement as Spain's representative. Fifty Apache Indians, in full war paint, are marching toward Cuba to fight against the Spaniards.

Because a headache annoyed 18-year-old Clinton T. Jones, he committed suicide at Chicago a few days ago. Quarrelling over a quarter's worth of drinks Mike Coggins killed James McMahon in Chicago the other day.

Thirteen Cincinnati brewers have passed into the hands of a trust. The new company has a capital of \$10,000,000. Judge John Newton Henderson, the astute treasurer of the Confederacy, died at Staunton, Va., last week aged 75 years.

Ex-Mayor Washburne has been indicted at Chicago of certifying to candidates for the police force who were ineligible. A terrific hurricane has devastated New Caledonia, doing great damage to shipping. The French gunboat Loyalty was sunk.

After obtaining \$2,500 worth of jewels from his watch at Chicago, Buford C. Baxter, started for the Klondike. The police are after him. In a combat with Cubans recently the Spaniards lost 1,000 men. The successful battle was due to an expedition which sailed from Long Island a few weeks ago.

After writing a note, in which C. E. Rathfon, of Ypsilanti, Mich., explained that he had disgraced his family, he took poison the other day and died in a Pittsburgh hotel. A cancerous growth has been discovered by Prof. Krebs, of Chicago. The professor is the discoverer of the diphtheria microbe which led to the introduction of anti-toxin.

James Carrigan is suing John D. Rockefeller for \$1,000,000 worth of Standard Oil stock. Cleveland court. He claims that the millionaire defrauded him out of this amount. Two persons were killed in a Pittsburgh fire Sunday. Mrs. Dominic Enriello and Ethel Verilinski were burned to death. Six others were injured. The fire broke out in a tenement.

The supreme court of Wisconsin has rendered a decision which will force insurance companies operating in this state to pay back taxes amounting to \$104,000, or forfeit their charters. A reward of \$1,500 for each of the murderers of C. Postmaster General Gary. Blake was offered by Postmaster General Gary. Blake was killed, and killed on the night of February 21.

A concert was given at the Hotel Waldorf, New York, one night last week for the benefit of the survivors of the Maine explosion. Chauncey Dewey made an eloquent speech. \$2,500 was contributed. Strikers in the number of 3,000 have returned to work at the Pepperell and Laconia cotton mills in Biddeford, Me. They accepted the company's terms, but the mills would not be the last to restore the old rate of wages.

Will Overton, assisting Arsenal Keeney in the firing of 100 guns in celebration of the Irish anniversary at Frankfort, Ky., the other day, was blown all to pieces and Armorer Dixon was badly hurt by a premature explosion. The remainder expedition which the government is sending to the relief of the expedition is now speeding across the country. It consists of 537 reindeer, 113 Laplanders, Finlanders and Norwegians and several carloads of sleds and harness.

Tuesday morning Charles M. Lowe was with his wife, from whom she had been parted for some time, walking with another man at New Orleans. He gave the man a severe beating, then killed his wife and then himself while standing over the dead body. Commenting on the rumor that a Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 will be granted to the United States through ex-Minister Dun, the London Globe says it may be regarded as certain that when the loan is definitely decided upon it will be floated in Europe.

AN AFFECTIONATE WIFE MURDERED. TRADE REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade reports as follows for the week ending Feb. 22: The most reckless sort, destroyed promptly, and many of them before they are sold, affected speculation in stocks much last week and at times his wife, but notwithstanding she had taken her three children at home hoping to return to them after seeing the man whom she loved, yet who had assaulted her. Her husband, Braun, is a German, 35 years old and a cigar maker. He was sentenced on August 31 of last year to serve a two years' sentence for assault in the second degree and was received at Sing Sing on September 1. He was convicted of having taken his wife, but notwithstanding this Mrs. Braun forgave her husband and expressed sorrow because of his imprisonment. She has been living in New York City with three of her children, her two other children having been placed in an asylum.

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Mrs. Braun decided to visit her husband. She went to State Detective Jackson's office and inquired for her husband. He had been serving in the mess room, acting as a potato peeler. When the two met they kissed each other and were very friendly. They sat for half an hour conversing only a few feet away from the desk of Detective Jackson, who was present. Finally Detective Jackson informed Braun that his time was up, but Braun pleaded for a little time longer, saying: "Can't we have a few minutes more?"

Because of the trouble Mrs. Braun had taken to see her husband, she pleaded with him. Suddenly Braun raised his arm, and the detective saw the glitter of a long, thin knife. Braun brought it down with fearful force against the left side of his wife's neck. The blood gushed out, and she fell dead and almost instantly the woman was dead. Detective Jackson sprang upon Braun, but the convict had time to make his escape. He was seen in the morning. Two other convicts who were in the corridor came to the detective's assistance and the murderer was subdued. Warden Sage had him removed, but not, however, before another knife had been used to cut her husband's life with, was found concealed in his pocket.

Warden Sage questioned Braun as to why he killed his wife, but the man refused to say anything. Later he seemed to be sorry for what he had done. GREAT BRITAIN FRIENDLY. Her Attitude Towards Spain Noted With Pleasure by Americans.

Americans in London express themselves as being much gratified at the friendly attitude which the British government has evinced toward the United States. By advice of the British Government shipbuilders and dealers in munitions of war insist, practically upon cash payments in the case of orders placed by Spain. It seems that the Spanish Embassy, when bargaining with the shipbuilding and other firms, indirectly suggested that Great Britain sympathized with Spain. The price has risen 1 cent, but the Government, the latter lost no time in putting the firms which are in the habit of doing Government work on their guard.

Another rumor which has decidedly pleased Americans was that the Government has succeeded in obtaining complete plans of the principal Spanish harbors and their defenses. In short order the Americans and Englishmen have about concluded that the present calm has been brought about by President McKinley in order to allow the completion of preparations for a defense of the coast of the British Isles, and few people will be sorry when a decision is reached and the long-standing tension is ended.

Sherman's Opinion. As far as the United States Government is concerned, says Secretary Sherman, it has no just cause to declare war against Spain, nor will it have until it is plainly shown that Spain has committed an act of aggression, and few people will be sorry when the provocation must be great enough to bear the searchlight of civilized nations.

THE MAINE DISASTER. The Spanish war ship Vizaya has arrived at Havana. Two tons of dynamite were shipped from Cincinnati to Pensacola, Fla., last week. Another Spanish battleship, the Almirante Oquendo, has arrived at Havana. Eight old monitors are being overhauled at the League Island Navy yard near Philadelphia. The survivors of the Maine have asked an extra month's pay, to cover loss of personal effects.

Three bodies were recovered from the wreck Saturday. One was identified as Robert White. A consignment of Gatling guns were shipped to Pensacola, Fla., from Brooklyn the other day. Experts, examining the Maine, have been requested to give no more theories to the press representatives. A man who said he sold to Spain the mines which blew up the Maine is now in communication with government officials. The Winchester Rifle company have stopped work on sporting guns and are running 24 hours a day on navy rifles and cartridges.

Most inhuman have been the utterances of The Diario de la Marina, the oldest Havana newspaper, in regard to the dead sailors of the Maine. Two American warships, the Montgomery and Nashville, will soon visit the press representatives. The Spaniards in Havana, having feared fearful American retribution, fled more at each other than the Vizaya in port. Capt. Eulate was received on shore by 100,000 enthusiastic supporters of Spain. Senator Proctor, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Capt. Sigbee and many other prominent Americans attended the ceremony of decorating the graves of the Maine's dead at Havana last week. A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "The United States squadron is concentrated at Hong Kong, with a view of active operations against Manila, Philippine islands, in the event of an outbreak of war between the United States and Spain. The squadron, which includes the cruisers Olympia, Boston, Raleigh, Concord and Petrel."

Pneumatic tubes in the Chicago post office are not a success. "You don't require a big income to get along" in Japan. A man can live there like a gentleman on \$300 a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the wages of two servants, and supply plenty of food.

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