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Pilgrims did affected them not only in England, it affected them in Germany. It led eventually to groups coming from Germany to Penna., and from Germany to Georgia and other parts of the US, people who were coming in order to have liberty to ~~worship~~ worship God as they felt the Bible taught that they should. So what the Pilgrims succeeded in doing in itself was not much. As the man from Main said, What did they accomplish? My ancestor/s came over here and they became good fishermen and they became wealthy here. What did they accomplish? Materially it was a small thing. But it was a miracle that they succeeded at all. It was a miracle that they were able to survive. It was a miracle that they were able to get along well and to establish communities that would continue. And the story of that miracle, the story of what they did was what led these great multitudes of others to come. Now they came and they established these communities here in America and that affected the whole life of American ever since. And in America for the following three centuries, I guess, this country was known as a place where the Bible was foundational. Charles/Dickens Dickens hated the U.S., because unscrupulous printers here ~~stole~~ stole his copyrights. But Chas. Dickens after his trip over here, when he went back and wrote ridiculing and criticizing this country nevertheless he said that in America a woman could walk anywhere at any time of day or night without any fear of molestation of any kind. Such was the result of the general Christian background that was established in America, and which never would have been established in America had it not been for the Pilgrims. If the pilgrims had not come when they did, the result never would have followed that did because they came in 1620 and by 1628 these other multitudes of people began to think seriously of coming and from 1630 to 1640 thousands of them came over, and then in 1640 they stopped and there were no more. The reason is easy to see, because in 1640 the Puritans began to think they were ~~going~~ going to have England in their control. In 1640 the big revolution began. ~~They~~ They over control of England under Oliver Cromwell the power of Eng. reached the highest point it ever reached yet with his Ironsides, with his ~~strong~~ strong stand for righteousness which made wicked rulers of other countries in Europe tremble. But in ~~1658~~ 1658 Oliver Cromwell died, and his incapable son was unable to carry on after him and the Puritans who had had control of England during this period had not been able to agree on any system of government so ~~that~~ they had to have really a military == simply a military control and