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THE CHRISTMAS INFLUENCE

THERE is something wonderfully inspiring about the celebration of Christmas. There seems to be a new spirit in the air, a deeper and a more reverent thot.

Down thru the coming New Year that spirit is bound to spread. The convening of the great nations of the world with the greatest nation on earth, the United States, to undertake the much-to-be-deserved condition of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" can have but the one influence, that of recognizing the Christ spirit.

Men and women and the children all seem to realize more fully each year that Christmas is the birthday of the Prince of Peace, and they observe it more reverently each succeeding season.

Be you Christian, infidel or pagan, you must admit that the most tremendous influence for good radiates from the manger in Bethlehem.

For more than 1900 years this influence has been permeating the hearts and lives of men and women and is more powerful today than it has ever been before.

Infidels, Bolshevik, Socialists may feel inclined to question these statements, but others will not, for the reason that they know that there are more real believers in the religion of Christ today than at any time since it began to spread in Judea.

Anarchy bares its fangs at the cross. It would tear and rend the churches. But anarchy is going to be short-lived. It may triumph for a season, in some parts of the world,—may scatter churches and spread terror about—but it cannot germinate on American soil. There is nothing here conducive to its perpetuation. When its blind, unreasoning force is spent, men will perceive how misleading an error it is and will return to the faith.

There can be no destruction of the influence of the Redeemer of Mankind. It is indestructible. When socialism, bolshevism and anarchy are forgotten terms the name of the Nazarine will remain as it is now, the greatest power for good in all the world.

Despite Hun culture, despite world wars and bloody-minded revolutionists the name of Him whose entrance on earth we celebrate on Dec. 25th will be with men until the end of time. It is the cornerstone of civilization and cannot be removed without bringing down the whole structure.

Christianity will live and survive, and its influence grow each succeeding year. The meaning of the celebration and the great purity behind the motive makes it an occasion when the tendency is to sink selfishness and strife and promote good will and fraternity.

May this apply to the whole world, from the greatest to the smallest nation. May the "Wise Men" now at Washington be as successful in their endeavor to find Peace on Earth as were the wise men of old in their efforts to locate the "Prince of Peace."

Somebody got a doctor — 1921 is dying.

Cheer up and you'll make Christmas more cheerful for others.

The wise man realizes his imperfections until a silly girl gets hold of him.

It's no wonder masculine styles in dress seldom change. We pay the bills.

Even the worst of us find it easy to suggest a remedy for the faults of others.

The Christmas spirit is a christian spirit in which everyone should participate.

Some people are so keen on the borrow they include both money and trouble.

The English and the Irish are now saying it with flowers. We hope they don't wither.

Let not your right hand know what your left hand does. Each might tell on the other.

How long is it since you kissed the girl you love? Give her a good one this day before and see what a swell she'll be on Christmas.

When your wife becomes unduly sweet it is time to look out for a touch of an explosion.

You will be more blessed to give than to receive, but some people have no scruples about taking.

Keep your troubles to yourself for a few days. Your friends want to enjoy a pleasant Christmas.

When a man swallows his own words he generally gulps down those of the other fellow as well.

But little feminine sympathy is wasted on old bachelors these days. The young ones absorb it all.

"We have an abundance of petroleum," says a news dispatch. Motorists know it without being told.

Possibly it is true, that pride goes before a fall, but most people feel sheepish after picking themselves up.

The difference between a doughnut and a dreadnought is not so great after all. One has a hole in it and the other gets a hole shot into it.

If we are to follow the teachings of the good book and love our neighbors as ourselves this Christmas married men should be careful to avoid the good looking ones.

FALLING DOWN

MUCH as we regret it there is a feeling of pessimism creeping over us relative to the final outcome of the Washington arms conference. It is not measuring up to expectations.

The leading delegates are suave in public and are profuse with high sounding phrases which mean little or nothing. These are thrown out for the benefit of the public.

In the committee rooms, behind closed doors, however, it has been a different story, and that story is anything but to the liking of the people who bear the heaviest burdens of war.

The President called the conference for the avowed purpose of placing a distinct limitation upon armaments, that limitation to be worked out in such a manner that it would be fair and just to all nations concerned.

But each day it has become more and more apparent that such is not the prime object of at least some of the delegates from abroad. Instead we are forced to the suspicion that the thot uppermost in the minds of some of them is a selfish one. The old game of secret diplomacy is at work, with each nation scheming for position and endeavoring to put something over on some other country.

Intense bitterness has cropped out between the delegates from abroad, and heated word are said to have been passed in the committee rooms. There appears to be no singleness of purpose—no willingness to give and take—only a desire to take without giving.

Such a spirit will not achieve the results the world desires and expects. A covenant entered into under such conditions can hardly be lasting. It may even go into history as another "scrap of paper."

The conference is falling down.

CULTIVATING IMMODESTY

It is difficult to pick up a large city newspaper or illustrated magazine without seeing a picture of some woman or young girl making a vulgar display of her legs.

Short skirts are sanitary, easy to walk in, and should be encouraged. They are a distinct improvement over the trailing ones that swept up the filth of the streets a few years ago.

But the women of the big cities—or many of them—do not stop at "short skirts". In fact, the limit of exposure seems to be rapidly disappearing, as are also those fine feminine instincts we have been taught to revere in womanhood.

A picture in a daily paper which recently attracted masculine attention portrayed two young women, blindfolded, seated on a table and in the act of drawing lucky numbers from a bowl, in a contest the paper was conducting.

Modestly gowned? Not at all. SHORT SKIRTS! Worse. No skirts at all!

Fortunately this mania for indecent exposure has not hit the country towns very hard.

We hope it never does.

WHERE THE FARMER SUFFERS

THE price of farm products are down, close to the 1914 level. That would be fine if other commodities were down in proportion.

But high wages still prevail in the cities in all lines. This means that the manufacturer and wholesaler must continue to charge the country merchant high prices for his goods.

The country merchant in turn must charge the farmer in proportion to what he himself pays to the manufacturer or wholesaler. Very simple and easily understood, but anything but satisfactory to the farmer.

Speed up the Christmas shopping if you would enhance the Christmas cheer.

When a rich man can not find anything else fashionable enough to pay he can always fall back on alimony.

After careful investigation we find that high times is being enjoyed only by those who lose or have no fingers in the pie.

GIFTS

From a Man's Store for a Man

You'll know your Gift will be heartily welcomed—that it will make the right impression—that your good taste will be complimented if it is chosen here.

GIFTS THAT MEN LIKE

- Silk Hosiery, Dress Shirts, Silk Mufflers, Comfy Shoes, Silk Neckwear, Umbrellas, Wool Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Wool Hosiery, Dress Gloves, Pajamas, Hats, Traveling Bags, House Slippers, Leather Belts, Caps, Bath Robes, Silk Knit Ties, Sweaters, Etc., Etc.

GIFTS FROM THE SHOE STORE

- Women's Tweedie Boot Tops, Women's Comfy Slippers, Women's Silk Hose, Women's Silk and Wool Hose, Women's Wool Hose, Women's 4-buckle Arctics in heather color or black, Children's Comfy Slippers, Men's Comfy House Slippers, Children's Rubber Boots, Men's Leather House Slippers

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