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CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas season is upon us. The world is again about to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Him who died that mankind might live.

It is a solemn but sweet occasion, and should be forever observed in that manner. At the Christmas season our thoughts should turn, for a while at least, upon the life and the character of Him whose birth we celebrate.

And if we do this our celebration of Christmas will be the right kind. We will forego undue feasting and ostentatious display. We will share our stores with those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is a beautiful old custom to give presents at Christmas, but judgment should be used in the giving. There is nothing in the Christ spirit in buying things we cannot afford to give to people who do not want them.

Our gifts should be to the poor, to children, to the aged, to those very near and dear to us, and every gift should be in the Christmas spirit.

And this Christmas season, of all times of the year, is a season for sobriety and the most sober thoughts. It is but a few days until the close of the year, and we should strive to make these closing days the best of all.

The whole world, and our own country in particular is passing through a time of stress and uncertainty. We have not fully recovered from the shock of the world war. There is a general let-down, a deadening of the moral sense.

During this Christmas season let us, each one, examine our own selves and study our individual relation to others around us. Maybe, by thinking for a while on the life of the Master, we may get the inspiration which all of us need for our daily life and conduct in the year just ahead.

This is a time for solemn thought, we repeat, but not a time for despondency. For from our solemn thoughts we should get comfort and cheer, and cause for happiness.

Christ was born 221 years ago, and He still lives. What is there to make us afraid?

Christmas is a good time, a glad time. Let us make it so for others. And with Thy Tim, let us pray, "God Bless us all, every one."

WHAT CONFERENCE WILL NOT DO.

The disarmament conference now in session at Washington is making history. It has brought together the great diplomats of the principal governments of the world, and under the light and guidance of a free republic the demand for a better civilization is being made.

America is now leading the way to a better civilization, and the conference is not being held in an atmosphere surrounded by warring governments, but in a free land, that has ever championed the downtrodden of all nations.

At the conference America is represented by its ablest statesmen, appointed by the President, who is not a partisan, but a broad-minded and liberal American.

Out of this conference will not come any scheme to throttle governments, no matter how weak they may be. There will be no binding obligations or secret treaties to make chattels of human beings in the call for war. There will be no guarantees that will take away the liberty of an American citizen to protect the grasping power of empires across the seas.—Westchester (N. Y.) Globe.

WOMEN AS JURORS.

Women jurors are superior to men jurors in dispensing justice. This is the conclusion reached by a Minneapolis judge after an investigation into the work of women jurors in various parts of the country.

He has also found out that handsome men do not affect women jurors' judgment as much as pretty women do men jurors; that women jurors are not so prejudiced against corporations as men, and that women jurors almost always agree with each other but are frequently lined up against their male associates.

Judges in the Cleveland courts declared they had found women jurors more generally satisfactory in every kind of case than men.

It will not be long until women are serving as jurors in every State, and the sooner the better.

Spellbinding among criminal lawyers will continue to paint their clients with wings and exhaust their vocabularies of "sob stuff" but the women will not be fooled.

The blind tiger, the speed maniac, the gambler, the murderer, will have a rough road to travel when good women sit in the jury box. The woman will not be deceived by the crocodile tears of the accused or the oratory of his counsel.

You may say what you please, but Mexico seems to be behaving just about as well as the rest of the world these days.

PAYING HONEST DEBTS.

No man who fails to pay his honest debts can enjoy the fullest measure of self-respect or the respect of his fellow-men.

It is not intended to reflect against the man who is in debt. The man who does not from time to time use his credit is a poor man indeed. Most good men use their credit both as a matter of convenience and as a matter of necessity.

But no good man will swindle his creditors.

He will either pay his debts when due or relieve his creditors of any ground for apprehension as to the honesty of his intention to pay. The man who prys or arranges to pay is the equal of any man.

But the man who deliberately dodges his debts is no man at all. Everybody knows the fact and he knows it as well as anybody else.

The man who does pay his honest debts, or, if unable to pay, conducts himself so as to retain the confidence of his creditors, stands higher in the confidence of everybody in every way than the man who has never had occasion to owe anything.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE.

A jury in Kansas City awarded a boy \$20,000 for the loss of the ability to smile. The boy climbed a tree and there he encountered a live wire improperly insulated. It came in contact with his cheek, inflicting a painful wound which did not heal for weeks and left a permanent injury.

The nerves or muscles which govern the power of smiling were destroyed, so that his attempt to smile ended in a ghastly frown. When the boy was called to the witness stand and his attorney told him to face the jury and attempt to smile, the verdict was assured.

Twenty thousand dollars was little enough to receive as compensation for the loss of the power to smile. Some men have lost that power through other causes than electricity, and it has damaged them more than that amount.

Even when the value is small, it is real.

But it is to one's self that one renders the greatest harm by souring his face. The man who can no longer smile has killed joy out of his own life.

EDITORIAL SQUIBBLETS.

In times of peace recover from war.

Modern government is the white man's burden.

You can also judge a man by the habits he keeps.

When some men tell the truth it is stranger than fiction.

The German mark has now become a mere scrap of paper.

And one-half of society doesn't know how the other got in.

Another way of borrowing trouble is to loan a friend money.

As between John Bull and Irish bull, most of us want to be neutral.

If politics is dirty, it is because of the kind of men that are in politics.

That fellow Tom Sims suggests that battleships represent floating debts.

"How can I get into the movies?" asks a correspondent. Buy a ticket and walk right in.

The world is kept going by men who are so hard up that they can't even think about striking.

Another good thing about phonograph music is that you don't have to brag on it unless you feel like it.

The difference between firmness and stubbornness is the difference between your self and the other fellow.

A Canadian named I. M. Wise got married the other day. And now he will probably want to have his name changed.

Counterfeit \$50 bills are said to be in circulation, but so far none of them have been found in the church collections.

A moving picture in which the hero has never been mixed up in any scandal ought to draw pretty well, don't you think?

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PUBLIC FORUM

APPRECIATES LETTER.

Clatskanie, Ore., Dec. 17, '21 Editor St. Helens Mist,

Dear Sir: I have read with much pleasure E. H. Flagg's history of The Mist. No man living could have written it better. I was a subscriber for The Mist when it was edited by Glendye, also when edited by Ayers, Messer, Flagg and Gilbert.

Yours truly, NORMAN MERRILL. Ed. Note.—Mr. Merrill has been a subscriber of The Mist for many years and he is one of those pioneer subscribers who insists on keeping his subscription paid in advance.

ENJOYS READING MIST

Mrs. T. J. Schofield, a former resident of St. Helens but now living in San Francisco, writes when renewing her subscription to The Mist:

Received your letter in regard to The Mist and wish to thank you for sending same. Also wish to thank you for the prompt way in which you send the paper. I look so faithfully for it every Monday and seldom am I disappointed. I certainly enjoy the paper and keep in touch with the St. Helens folks, many of whom are my friends.

Wishing you and yours and all my friends in St. Helens a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 1922, I remain,

Yours respectfully, MRS. T. J. SCHOFIELD, 4354, 25th St., San Francisco, Calif.

SAYS PAPER IS TREAT

The Mist has received a letter from Aug. Johansen, a former resident of St. Helens. He and family are now living at Scotia, California. For several years Johansen was one

of the foremen at the St. Helens Ship-building company's plant, later being superintendent of the Sommarstrom yards. That he has not lost interest in St. Helens is indicated by the following letter:

St. Helens Mist: Your letter received and was very glad to hear from you. I am coming up to the Columbia river next spring and expect to visit St. Helens to meet many of my old friends.

The Mist is always a treat to my family and myself as we learn so many of the happenings in St. Helens. I am enclosing check for renewal of my subscription for I want The Mist to keep on coming.

I wish the editor and his family and my St. Helens friends and acquaintances a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With kindest regards, I am, Respectfully, A. H. JOHANSEN, Scotia, California.

SUGGESTS SOME NEW IDEAS

Under the direction of Dr. James S. Martin, general superintendent of the National Reform Association, there was held in Washington, D. C., October 30 to November 2, a convention in behalf of limitation of armament.

Being under the auspices of the above named organization the whole affair naturally carried a strong national reform flavor. The outstanding sentiment was, cure all earth's ills, social, political, and industrial, by making Christ this world's king, through legislative action.

In emphasizing the necessity of personal leadership, Dr. Dudley M. Wilson of Philadelphia said, "Our faith must be in a person, the person of the Lord Jesus Christ." "Will the people," he asked, "be willing to commit to the Lord Jesus Christ the government of this world?"

At another session of this convention the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Dr. Harry L. Rowley said, "A propaganda for the Sabbath must

sweep the nation," and then said by way of emphasis, "We, as viceregents of Christ, are here to see that His will is done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Let me quote the words of another commenting on the above statements: "He must be blind indeed who, in the light of these statements, cannot see the terrible danger in the national reform movement."

The small number of people, comparatively, of the national reform association would not, of itself, be a serious menace to liberty of conscience, but there are now so many allied societies, unions, etc., that they do become formidable, as for years some of these men have been telling the people that every

calamity, great or small, was caused by the failure of the rulers to recognize Christ as King and to place His name in the fundamental law of the nation.

And now, on top of all this, comes the claim of Viceregency. "We, as viceregents of Christ, are here to see that His will is done on earth as it is in Heaven." No Pope has ever claimed more authority for himself not challenged the right of the Papacy to impose her dogma on others!

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