

# A WORLD GLIMPSE REVEALS STRANGE CONDITIONS

(By J. D. Gillilan, D. D.)

This has been a queer year in many ways. There has been a constant crying out for universal peace, and at the same time a continued building of larger sea-going "dreadnoughts" and the construction of stronger fortifications. Mr. Taft and Mr. Carnegie lead in this country, and yet the United States tries to eclipse all in the warship contest. It reminds one of the story told by a garrulous youngster who was a member of a minister's family; there had been a call sent to the pater familias to become the pastor in an adjoining town. The good man hesitated, but the wife saw it ought to be a sure appointment. A neighbor passing saw the lad and said, "Say, Bub, are you going to move?" "I guess we are, pap's upstairs praying for light, but mother's busy packing up."

We are talking about peace, and still consulting our own selves mainly, it seems. Maybe a good way to keep peace is with the sword as General Grant once said. If we make our fighting boats so formidable, it is possible the other fellow will keep his bulldog at home.

Internal affairs of Europe have been grumbling a little. Germany seems to be carrying a chip on her shoulder. Things were in quite a ferment once when the Moroccan question was mooted. The peace of Europe was almost dissolved; but the national tailor came around and patched things up somewhat. Then Italy went foraging for black Musselmans. It looks now as if Tripoli is to yield or else a general religious war is to devastate the rims of the regions touching the Turkish domains. For if you scratch a Turk you find a savage whether he live in Constantinople or in Africa. One touch of nature makes the world of Mohammedans unite in common warfare against the aggressive Christian. The Turk could make use of the Janizaries now-a-days had he not destroyed them ages ago.

The Russian Bear is courting trouble it seems, and is unafraid of the consequences, apparently. He is said to be preparing a ukase against the admission of any American Jews whatever. Spain the ancient Jew-halter now yields all her honors in that line to Russia. The Spanish Inquisition used to burn them wholesale at the stake, but the people of the white Tsar do worse; they torture them to death piece-meal and laugh at their writhings in their endeavor to feed and clothe their dependent ones.

Diplomatically the Bear is making no friends in this direction. Now he is reaching his paws down into Mongolia, taking advantage of the internecine turmoil in China, and has prepared to assume a protectorate over that barren land of sands and almost eternal ice. This is the region between the Altai-Tagh mountains and the great wall on the south, and the southern Siberia line on the north. It is filled with a nomadic sort of folk who live mainly by their herds of horses and sheep. In this way he is making no friends with Japan, China, or Persia.

China may be too busy just at present to be able to give much attention to the northern thief. The homeless Manchu may want to take a hand in the matter, for he has nowhere now to lay his head.

Yet possibly he thinks he has Persia under his foot with England to protect him against other comers. It seems that these two powers have succeeded in ousting the American, Shuster, from the treasury department of the land of the ancient Xerxes, Esther and Cyrus.

"Remember the Maine!" was the slogan ten years ago. Forget the Maine! must be the one henceforth. The board of inquiry that has been in existence a third of a generation has decided by actual examination that the explosion was caused by outside influences. It may never be known that the Spaniards per se did it or connived at it, but we do know it was done in waters that never more will be Spanish. It was done under the floating flag of Moro's Spanish castle, and most suspiciously. If the Spaniards did it, it was about the only killing they made; and it had to be done when the victims were asleep. So, hereafter we will forget the Maine remember Cuba's needs and possibilities and that she is our own neighbor.

The new King of England is "ke-

ly to be a man for the English to conjure with in the future. Like our own invincible T. R., he will by his martial example send silent terror to the hearts of the nations. The dispatches announced that he has just killed 30 tigers and 13 rhinoceroses. It would never to turn such a marksman loose at a crowd of soldiers. He annihilate the whole lot of them before he could be stopped!

Our city is in excellent health and happily greets the New Year. Scarcely a case of typhoid has been known since the water and sewerage systems were inaugurated and there is no general sickness at all. Some few cases of accident are in the hospitals and they are doing nicely. Mr. Hancock is far along the high-way to recovery. He now converses with friends his wife wears a smile she does not try to take off.

The strike is almost forgotten. The trains are running as well as they ever do in the winter time. The cases of the needy are receiving attention and the Old Year that was so good to us is not so reluctant about dying for he knows he has left a good record behind. That always sweetens death.

Vale 1911!  
Welcome 1912!  
Happy New Year to all!

## AT THE CHURCHES.

**Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
Sunday morning supported by excellent music rendered by the splendid choir, the services of the church will be in full accord with the meaning of the day. The pastor will speak from the text: "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." Eccl. 7:8.

In the evening the meeting will be of the old time watch-night character and the people are to see the Old Year out, and welcome the New.

The Epworth League will take the first hour that evening, not commencing till 9 o'clock; their hour will be followed by a symposium of subjects handled by different speakers, each consuming ten minutes.

Superintendent F. F. Green had the Sunday school; League President Miss McMurray, the Epworth League; Mrs. Edna E. Breakenridge, the Deaconess work; Mr. Lindley, the Y. M. C. A.; Mr. G. H. Currey, the General Conference.

This will occupy till 11 o'clock or after, when there will be an address by the pastor.

J. D. GILLILAN, Pastor.

**Central Church of Christ.**  
Since our local church represents a movement to restore the New Testament church in its original unity, simplicity and power, the pastor will give a short talk Sunday morning on "New Testament Church Officers," after which the church will choose its officers for the coming year. His evening topic will be "The Man Whom God Called a Fool." Other meetings as usual. All members and friends of the church are hereby invited to a "get together" meeting of social character next Thursday evening for better mutual acquaintance and for the consideration of the work and interests of the church for the opening year. The new ladies society will serve refreshments without charge. All members especially should attend these important meetings. This church will join with other local church in the Week of Prayer which begins January 7th. The famous De Moss Lyric Bards will be with us January 16th.

MAYNARD R. THOMPSON.

**First Presbyterian Church.**  
Morning subject, The Past Year.  
Evening subject, The Coming Year.  
Special music at each service.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Small.  
Junior Endeavor, 3:00 p. m.  
C. E. Service, 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.  
REV. S. W. SEEMANN, D. D., Minister.

**St. Peter's Church.**  
Sunday after Christmas.  
Holy Communion ..... 8 a. m.  
Sunday school ..... 10 a. m.  
Morning Service ..... 11 a. m.  
Evening Service ..... 5 p. m.  
New Year's Day.  
Holy Communion ..... 10 a. m.  
UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector.

## DEATH TOLL PAST YEAR

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Philadelphia; Bishop Augustine Van de Vyver, of Richmond and Bishop Thomas Bonacum of Lincoln, all of the R. C. church; Bishops Willard F. Malliceu and Oscar Penn Fitzgerald of the M. E. church and the following P. E. bishops: Wm. Paret, of Maryland; Alex. H. Vinton of west Massachusetts; Edward F. Atwill of West Missouri; Ozi W. Whitaker, of Pennsylvania; Alex. Mackay Smith, of Pennsylvania, and John Mills Kendrick, of Arizona and New Mexico.

Literature deploras the loss of David Graham Phillips, Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, George Cary Eggleston, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Vaughan Keeter, Antonio Fogazzaro, Mrs. Katherine Cecil Thurston, William Clark Russell, Mrs. Arthur Stansard (John Strange Winter) and Harry Kellogg Durland.

The stage was impoverished by the death of Denman Thompson, Sydney Brough, Rose Eyttinge, Wright Lorimer, Edward Harrigan and Harold Kyle Bellew.

Other noted dead of the year are Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and Secretary of the navy under President Roosevelt; Tom L. Johnson, four times mayor of Cleveland; Edwin A. Abbey, the noted American artist; John W. Ham S. Gilbert, the librettist of "Pina-Gates, American financier; Sir Wilford and Mikado, Mrs. Carrie Nation, the militant temperance advocate; Sir Robert Hart, the eminent authority on Chinese commercial affairs; Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., the hero of Santiago; John R. Walsh, formerly a prominent Chicago banker; Ida Lewis Wilson, the famous keeper of the Lime Rock light house, Newport, R. I.; Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World and the St. Louis Press-Dispatch; Eugene F. Ware, former commissioner of pensions and writer of poetry under the name Gonquill; Gen. Clement A. Evans, former commander in chief United Confederate Veterans; Col. John Jas. McCook, noted soldier of the civil war and famous New York corporation lawyer; Cornelius N. Bliss, secretary of the interior under McKinley and many years treasurer of the republican national committee; John Bigelow, diplomat and author; Sir John Aird, the builder of the Assouan dam; Rear Admiral Charles Spillman Sperry, U. S. N., retired; Col. Wm. C. Green, copper mine operator; Gen. F. C. Latrobe, seven times mayor of Baltimore; Sir Francis Galton, the noted English explorer and author; Gen. Piet A. Cronje, noted Boer leader in the war with England; Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, U. S. N., retired; Baron Albert von Rothschild, the Vienna banker; Sir Casper Purdon Clarke, former director of the Metropolitan museum of art, New York; Chales Frederic Moberly Bell, managing director of the London Times; Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission and an authority on railroad safety—John Passmore Edwards, the English publicist, philanthropist and peace advocate; Halsey Cooley Ives, director of the St. Louis museum of art; Gustav Mahler, the eminent composer and conductor; Felix Mottl, director of the royal opera at Munich; Rear Admiral John C. Fremont, U. S. N., Prof. Francis Andrew March, the noted philologist; Herbert G. Squires, former United States minister to Panama and Cuba; Rear Admiral James H. Sands, U. S. N., retired; H. Victor Newcomb, former president of the Louisville & Nashville railroad; Thomas Ball, the sculptor; Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, the noted English surgeon and naturalist; Bartlett Tripp, ambassador to Austria under Cleveland; Irving Bedell Dudley, American ambassador to Brazil; Charles S. Francis, former American ambassador to Austria and Baron Gustave Samuel James de Rothschild, of the Paris branch of the house of Rothschild.

A chronological survey of the year is appended:

- JANUARY.**
1. Panama Label Suit: The United States supreme court decided the government's label suit against the New York World in favor of the publishers.
  2. Earthquake: 2 towns wrecked in Russian Turkestan; loss of life estimated at 10,000.
  3. Obituary: United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia died in Washington; aged 70.
  4. Financial: The Carnegie Trust company of New York, holding deposits of nearly \$3,000,000, was closed by the state banking authorities.
  5. Aviation: Meet at San Francisco.
  6. Obituary: Gen. George B. Dandy, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, in New York city; aged 81.
  7. Fire: The chamber of commerce in Cincinnati destroyed; loss \$1,000,000.
  8. Convention: The American Civic federation met in annual session in New York.
  9. Fire: Ferncroft Inn, at Danvers, Mass., a noted hostelry built in 1679, totally destroyed.
  10. Explosion: Accident in the fireproof of

11. the battleship Delaware.
12. Obituary: Sir Francis Galton, noted English explorer and writer, in London; aged 89.
13. Aviation: Eugene B. Ely, Curtiss aviator, flew from the San Francisco aviation field to the deck of the cruiser Philadelphia, 15 miles, and back to the starting point.
14. Obituary: Paul Morton, financier, formerly secretary of the navy, in New York city; aged 54.
15. Assassination: David Graham Phillips, journalist and novelist, shot down in the streets of New York by Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, who immediately killed himself.
16. Japan: Twelve Japanese anarchists under conviction for conspiracy to kill the mikado and his family were executed at Tokyo.
17. Obituary: David Graham Phillips, the author, died from wounds received on the 23d; aged 44.
18. Sir Charles Dilke, English statesman, in London; aged 68.
19. Tidal Wave: A rush of waters following upon the eruption of Mount Taal, in the Philippines, destroyed several villages along the shores of Lake Taal; 300 deaths reported.
20. Obituary: John MacWhirter, noted British painter, in London; aged 74.
21. Aviation: J. A. McCurdy, American aviator, flew from Key West, Fla., to within 10 miles of Havana, Cuba, winning a prize of \$5,000 from the Havana Post.

### FEBRUARY.

1. Explosion: 25 killed, hundreds hurt by dynamite at pier 7, Communipaw, Central Railroad of New Jersey; damage exceeded \$1,000,000.
2. Obituary: Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, commander of the American battleship fleet on its world cruise, 1908-9, in Washington; aged 63.
3. Obituary: Gen. Piet A. Cronje, Boer leader in the war with England, in Klerksdorp, Transvaal; aged 58.
4. Mexico: Gen. Orozco's rebels beaten in all day battle; government troops entered Juarez at night.
5. Fire: State capitol at Jefferson City, Mo., burned; loss \$1,000,000.
6. Personal: John Graham Hope Horsley Bereaferd, Lord Decies, married Helen Vivian Gould, daughter of George J. Gould, in New York.
7. Obituary: Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, U. S. N., in Washington; aged 63.
8. Political: The Arizona constitution adopted by popular vote.
9. Obituary: Dr. Edward G. Janeway, noted New York specialist, at Summit, N. J.; aged 62.
10. Obituary: Gen. Alexander S. Webb, whose brigade held the "bloody angle" at Gettysburg, at Riverdale, N. Y.; aged 75.
11. Obituary: Rear Admiral Arthur P. Nazo, U. S. N., retired, at Jamaica Plain, Mass.; aged 63. Rear Admiral W. S. Bogert, U. S. N., retired; aged 74.
12. Political: Juarez, Mexico, under martial law.
13. Sporting: C. M. Daniels lowered 20-meter swimming mark at New York Athletic club. United States won curling tournament, beating Canada, at Boston.
14. Sporting: Sam Langford whipped Bill Lang in London.
15. Obituary: Quannah Parker, world's richest Indian, most famous of Comanche tribe, in Oklahoma; aged 67.
16. Railroads: Interstate commerce commission disallowed increased freight rates.

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# TO OUR TRADE AND FRIENDS

We desire to thank you for the many favors extended us during the year now closing and assure you of our appreciation. We wish you A HAPPY NEW YEAR, with the best of all things which Life, Health, Effort and Accomplishment can offer in the years yet to come.

Sincerely Yours,

# E. POLACK

### Local Option Contests in Ontario.


Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—With more than one-half of the municipalities of Ontario already dry, the prohibition forces are hopeful of a considerable increase to the list as the result of the elections to be held next Monday.

Of the 244 municipalities where local option campaigns were possible this year contests have been brought in about one-third. Port Arthur, Port William and Chatham are the most important places in which a vote will be taken on the license question.

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