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WILL PEACE COME?

After reading Germany's peace proposal, one falls into a reverie and wonders if the world at large is to have the best Christmas present of all—peace.

Coming as it does at the Christmas season when the thoughts of all the citizens of the Christian world are turning toward peace on earth and good will toward men, toward the meek and lowly Nazarene who traveled through life preaching, "love your neighbor as yourself," it seems that this might be the psychological moment of all moments to discuss ending the slaughter of men in which the rulers of the world are engaged.

The Kaiser may be blamed for starting the war. But it will not rest upon his conscience that he prolonged it. Without discussing the merits of his peace proposals, his willingness to evacuate the conquered territory in France and Belgium, his proposal to establish Poland as an independent kingdom, his desire to repossess his own lost colonies, the Kaiser has made possible negotiations which may bring the allies and central powers to a lasting peace.

As for ourselves, we confess that we are a trifle pessimistic about the outcome. The war itself marked the downfall of our civilization. It showed that we were really not Christian nations but barbarians covered with a thin veneer. It showed that the teachings of Jesus Christ were mouthed upon our lips but had not really penetrated the hearts of the rulers and parliaments of the world, while their peoples were still blind in following their leaders, no matter how insane, into paths of murder, arson and lust.

We doubt yet whether the nations of the world are sufficiently chastened for their past sins. We doubt whether the rulers are sufficiently gorged with war, whether the munitions makers have profited enough,

whether the speculators in war goods have reaped enough profits to permit the dove of peace to light.

What a great thing it would be at the present moment if there were somewhere in the councils of one of the warring nations a man whose heart beat for the common people like Abraham Lincoln. What a blessing it would be if the Christmas time would soften the hearts of those who are eager for revenge and conquest.

Upon David Lloyd George rests a great responsibility. The world at large will judge him by whether or not he ends the war. True he has the interests of his nation to defend. He should and will endeavor to seize all the advantages to which his nation is entitled from a nation which is suing for peace. But the world at large is anxious and eager that the sword should be sheathed and hammered into plow shares. The neutral nations who are suffering, the common people of the United States, who are helping pay the terrible cost of this war, should demand that peace be granted.

President Wilson may be the man of the hour. It would not be unbecoming a nation of the United States at this time to join in asking that peace be granted in view of the fact that the United States is a heavy sufferer. At any rate, it may be taken for granted that all the weight of Mr. Wilson's character, his moral influence will be cast on the side of peace. Great Britain and the allies, however, regard this war as a holy crusade, they believe that Germany brought on the war with the ambition of conquering the world, and they feel that now is the time to curb, forever, the menace of German militarism. They feel that in order to crush German militarism they must decisively defeat Germany and practically send the Kaiser to Elba or St. Helena.

If Great Britain persists in this view, if Lloyd George spurns the Kaiser's proposal, the war will go on. Destruction, desolation, death in place of mirth, rejoicing, happiness on Christmas day.

It is doubtful if Germany can be conquered. German ingenuity so far has enabled it to get food and supplies. Germany, whenever food was necessary, invaded the allies' territory and seized it. The present Roumanian drive has given Germany at least one year's supply of food. Germany's financial system and her man power seem just as able to withstand the strain as the allies.

If the British lion fails to meet his enemy half way now, he may get a better peace later on, but he will do it at a terrible cost in money and men, at the cost of the loss of some of the good opinion of the world at large and at the risk of meeting reverses somewhere along his far flung battle line.

In this weary world uneasy rests the head that wears a crown, and uneasy too, rests the uncrowned head of David Lloyd George.

PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER PRESIDES OVER AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Washington, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—With talks by Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter; Percy Mackaye poet and playwright, and Dr. Henry E. Jackson, of the United States Bureau of Education, the twelfth annual convention of the American Civic Association opened here today.

Miss Wilson presided at the afternoon session, which was devoted to a discussion of the use of the schools as a community center. She made no extended talk, however. Dr. Jackson, of the Bureau of Education, discussed the same topic at length and Mr. Mackaye spoke on the growth of the community drama.

The delegates of the convention will be the guests of the Washington Real Estate Board tonight at which time officials of the War Department are expected to outline the plans of the Federal government for the improvement of Potomac Park, the District of Columbia's future municipal playgrounds.

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—Adv.

Judge Neil Pleads for Mother's Pension in England

By Wilbur S. Forrest (United Press Staff Correspondent) London, Dec. 12.—The American system of Mother's pensions for British war widows and their children may soon be raised in the House of Commons.

A WOMAN'S TORTURE

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Judge Henry Neil, of Chicago, who has fathered the plan through 27 American state legislatures, is telling the British authorities about it in London today. The Chicago judge is pointing out to Members of Parliament that it will not be good for the future of the British race nor will it be human to jam Britain's already numerous children's institutions with tots whose father have fallen in the war. He is urging them to pension the mothers like America is doing and allow the children to grow up under real material care.

Immediately after the war the mothers will cease to reap their war separation allowances and will have to fall back on the small government pension allowed to war widows. The natural result will be an over crowding of British orphan asylum.

This was the way Judge Neil outlined the situation to the United Press today:

"You may put a baby into a cleaner bed than its mother can provide, give it clean cow's milk, tend it with the most scientific and sanitary care and yet it will pine for the lack of a mother's cuddling. It needs the warmth of her arms, the squeezing and sort of massage she supplies. Mother's love makes all the difference between viril and weakly children."

England Puts An End To The Gypsy Business Till War's End.

London, Dec. 12.—(United Press).—The last remnants of a gypsy band that has wandered aimlessly about England for years, was rounded up in Sheffield today, one man being mustered into the army and three others imprisoned for petty thefts. The Scotland Yard man who trailed and finally caught the wanderers believes that they have put an end to the gypsy business at least for the duration of the war.

Before the conscription law became effective there were hordes of gypsies and van dwellers following their peripatetic existence throughout England and Scotland. Practically all of them

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This meeting is called for the election of a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

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are now either serving with the army or doing war work. London, Dec. 12.—The Red Cross headquarters here utilizes aeroplanes for sending urgently needed supplies to base hospitals in France. One can understand why a Tory should find it hard to serve under a Welshman, but Lloyd George and the times are different.—The Oregonian.



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