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Bible Thought For Today
 IT SURELY WILL.—Be sure your sin will find you out.—Numbers 32:23.

Nation Backs Conference.

When the arms conference became a certainty, concerted effort was made by many representative organizations to obtain and forward to the conference a consensus of public opinion on the subject. Churches, women's clubs, commercial and labor organizations, colleges and municipalities took up the work of making public opinion articulate. Votes were taken and questionnaires sent out. The answers were compiled and sent on to Washington. The resolutions as summarized and presented expressed the sentiments of 6,535,140 persons from all parts of the country and all phases of life and industry. All favored disarmament. By far the greatest number favored "co-operative limitation of arms, left with confidence to the judgment of the arms delegation." Here is a crystallization of public sentiment which may be accepted as representative. The Senate can hardly afford to disappoint the public by refusing its compliance and putting off once more the hope of peace toward which all men are struggling.

Historical Films.

Even while the motion picture drama is becoming more and more meaningless and built after one style, a different field of the movie art is said to be developing. According to one critic the number of good short subjects is steadily increasing. The pictures dealing with them are very well done. One vast field for such short subjects is that of history. A recent release imported from England is called "The Battle of Jutland." It is historically accurate. Every maneuver of that conflict is faithfully reproduced in miniature. The movement of every ship is shown. Important events and the prominent persons participating in them are regularly subjects for motion picture photography, and the public takes genuine interest in them. There are even people who will sit through a tedious feature film for the pleasure of seeing these other pictures of real life. This tends to prove that what many persons have believed right along that the art and mechanical devices of the motion picture are very useful and have great possibilities for further extension. The whole outlook is not to be lost and wasted just because a few producers do not yet make the best use of their equipment.

Forgiveness of Debts.

If the United States government does not call an international economic conference to follow the present arms conference, it is reported that the British government will do so. More interesting still is the proposal that Lloyd George is said to intend laying before such a congress. It is the cancellation of war debts, with Great Britain herself setting the example. Britain, in a magnificent gesture, is to announce her willingness to forgive all her own war debtors—on condition that they forgive theirs. This would mean cancelling debts owed to her by France, Russia, Belgium and other Allies, amounting to more than two billions sterling. At present rates of exchange that would mean a surrender of between \$5,000,000,000 and \$9,000,000,000. It would be conditional chiefly on France cancelling allied debts to her of perhaps \$2,000,000,000 and also forgiving \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 of German reparations money. British statements are coming to feel that most of the money involved is uncollectible anyway, within any practicable period, and that the existence of such debts is the chief obstacle preventing international harmony and a resumption of normal business. According to present indications, the United States, the biggest and richest creditor of all, is not to be asked to make any such sacrifice. The British are getting sensitive about being dubbed for what they owe this country, and apparently are making plans to pay as rapidly as they can. Such a stroke, however, would precipitate serious consideration of similar action in this country. If Britain herself foregoes the collection of such war debts, on the ground that they were incurred by war associates for a common purpose, and that the debtors cannot pay them without ruin...

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



of mending his ways until he finds that he is broke?
 The successful man, unlike the poet is made, not born.
 When a garage advertises "Starting and lighting a specialty," it seems they ought to go into the aeroplane business if they can start and light successfully.
 What we can't understand is why men object to wearing knickerbockers. Look what they did to New York.

THE OFFICE CAT



HIS IDEA OF IT.
 "I don't have to go to the movie theatre to see a one-reel comedy."
 "No?"
 "No—indeed. All I got to do is just sit and watch a fat man try to land a game trout."
 People who dicker in second-hand automobiles have all the characteristics of the old-fashioned boys who traded horses.
 His Excellency, the Christmas turkey, is also beginning to worry over getting the ax.
 The following may prove of some value to those who have spent many weary hours trying to figure their taxes:
 First take your income.
 Add your wife's income.
 Divide by your eldest son's age.
 Add your telephone number.
 Subtract your auto-license number.
 Add your electric light bill.
 Divide by the number of kilowatts.
 Multiply by your father's age.
 Add number of gold fillings in teeth.
 Add your house number.
 Subtract wife's age (approximate).
 Divide by the number of aunts you have.
 Add the number of uncles.
 Subtract the number of daughters.
 Multiply by the number of times you have gone up in an airplane.
 Subtract your best gold watch.
 Add a pinch of salt.
 And then go out and borrow the money and pay the tax.
 Why is it that a man never thinks

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 What does it profit a man to save the whole world, if he doesn't get on the payroll?
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