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Bible Thought For Today

CHRISTMAS

WORLD'S BEST NEWS:—The angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10, 11.

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas! The glad words echo around the world. The Christmas bells ring out their message. Holly brightens doors and windows. People of many nations and creeds unite in their expressions of good will and cheer. And what a splendid thing it is that one day out of every year faces can just relax into smiles and hearts just give themselves over to kindness and mirth!

The world has plenty of reasons, always, for being "sorrowful and very heavy," but Christmas brings the blessed reminder that mankind has a right to be happy, too, and that the best way to accomplish it is by making happiness for others. Even if we cannot quite forget that there are trouble and sorrow, Christmas helps us to remember that there are only part, not all, of life. Even if the means for material gifts are lacking, better times are on the way, and we can still take for ourselves and share with others the inestimable gift of believing in happier days to come.

Back of the lighter and more thoughtless gladness of the day there lies, this year, a new and wonderful significance. "Peace on Earth" is becoming something more than a phrase to be remembered and quoted, parrot-fashion, one a year. There are honest efforts to mold it into a living fact as the great nations, no matter how slow and halting their progress, take step after step in the path that leads away from war.

Just for its own sake as a day too precious to be slighted, and for the sake of this greater thing for which, after all, Christmas was given to mankind; let us make this Christmastic the loveliest, the merriest, and the most hopeful for many a year.

The Useless Battleship

Glenn L. Martin, a pioneer airplane-maker, says the real reason why the United States government proposed the naval holiday was because it had become convinced by recent bombing tests that aircraft are superior to battleships.

"When the conference on limitation of armaments is over," he says, "this fact will be brought out. The government wants to quit spending money on a navy which could be sunk by a fleet of planes not costing a fraction as much."

No doubt a growing conviction of the possibilities of war planes had something to do with the matter. It must at least have helped to reconcile our government to the proposed sacrifice of battleships, and likewise must have helped to persuade the other governments to accept it. Few of the active, practical navy men today expect much from battleships hereafter. Men like Admiral Sims point out the small role each craft played in the big war.

The British superdreadnoughts, it will be recalled, failed at the Dardanelles, and after the battle of Jutland British and German battleships all hid for the remainder of the war. It was cruisers and submarines and airplanes that did the real work.

It is quite possible that those great "floating fortresses" will never again be a "first line" of naval attack, but will be defensive rather than offensive, and will need to be protected by lighter craft on the sea and air, or even covered with protective shields while at harbor.

Nevertheless the fact remains that all three of the powers, when this epoch-making proposal was made, were going right ahead building battleships, with no sign of a let-up. They seemed to think the game was still worth while, and they were spending a lot of money on it, and preparing to spend more. It is a fine stroke of statesmanship to have stopped this ruinous, competitive expenditure, no matter what the pretext.

And this view does not give any of the governments concerned credit for the really fine idealism involved. That idealism springs from

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



AT THE LAST MINUTE STINGY WIGGINS GOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND WAS SEEN BY SEVERAL PEOPLE BEFORE HE COULD GET UNDER COVER.

it was the real inspiration of the American call for disarmament and for the ready acquiescence of the other powers.

Pupils in the Zion City schools are being taught that the earth is not "round like an orange" but flat like a pancake. Somebody ought to sit on Voliva's head and read him Kipling's story, "The Village That Voted the Earth Was Flat."

Angered over the Chilean attitude about a picnic in the Tana-Africa district, Peru has mobilized her army. Won't stand for the Chile sauce.

Emma Goldman said when she left Moscow that she was still an anarchist. Just so Emma is still, it doesn't make much difference about the rest of it.

Strange that men who are loudest in their objections to war are sometimes most active in their obstruction of peace.

Was Senator Watson's conduct toward that army officer "senatorial courtesy?"

Corn was made for eating, not for heating.

Beware of the Christmas package that comes in a bottle!

British pounds are getting sterling again.

Flashes of Sass, Wit and Wisdom

SORORITY ETIQUETTE.

Two sorority lassies home on their vacation were discussing the why's and wherefores of some of their friends' failures to "make" a sorority.

When it came to one whose failure produced more than the usual surprise in the sister from O. A. C. the U. of O. sister exclaimed, "Why, everything was going nicely until one of the big rushing dinners. Do you know what she did? Well, she actually ate the lettuce leaves from her salad plate!"

WOMAN'S WAY.

A manager in a local store asked one of his department heads why he was no longer putting the price of articles in plain view.

"Because I don't believe in signs," was the clerk's reply.

"How's that?"

"Well, whenever a woman comes in and picks up something that has the price plainly marked on it she says, 'How much is this?'"

SYNONYMS.

A Starkey mother gave her little girl a postcard with some forget-me-

nots on it. The little girl left the card in the yard, where she was playing when it began to rain. After the rain the little tot went out and brought it in.

"Mamma, just look at my remembrance card. It is ruined by the rain," she said as she brought the card to her mother.

MIXING ANATOMY.
Four-year-old was talking to her mother about one of her young gentleman friends. The young man had a brother and to make certain that mother understood which one she meant four-year-old decided to explain that it was the young man who had recently had his tonsils and adenoids removed.

"I mean the one that had his lungs taken out, and, what else, mamma? Oh, yes, his nose, too!"

NOTHING UNUSUAL.
A news dispatch tells us of a woman sleeping 53 days without waking up. Which reminds us that there are a lot of folks who are asleep all the time and don't know it.

SUM SPELIN.
The following is said to be a literal copy of the rules posted thirty years ago on a school house door in the Big Bend country: "Each pupil is required to make a bow on entering the School House of mornings and also on leaving the School Room of evenings. There shall be no profane language used in School or on the play grounds, there shall be no pinstickin, scratchin, nor taggin, nor no fittin, nor no uncussy Whimperin in School. No pupil shall leave the School House without the permission of the Teacher. No uneasy mover from seat to seat. No fittin on the road from no to school nor Nicknamed. Every pupil over eight years old shall be subject to these rules, and the teacher is to make allowance for all pupils under eight and enforce the rules accordingly. If any scholar breaks these rules she shall be punished by switchin."—La Grande Gazette, Dec. 25, 1891.

BOSTONESE.
Naturally many of us feel timid around so many educated people, and

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5-room new bungalow, built-in, cold storage room, the location is on Oak street, just off Spring. The place has three lots. Price \$3800.

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yet it is frequently hard to tell who has been to college from one who has not. A young man recently said he knew Babe Ruth, and that she was a popular chorus girl when he was in college.

But the test of education probably came with a jerk when a college professor, in speaking to a bull pup owned by one of the school board, said: "Lay down, pup, lay down. That's a good doggie lay down, I tell you." Whereupon a college girl spoke up timidly saying, "Pardon me, professor, but you will have to say, 'lay down,' for he's a Boston terrier."

FATHER AS HEADLINE WRITER.
"The Horrors of Christmas Shopping."—Recent headline in Grant County Journal.

WE'LL TAKE THE TOBACCO.
The subject for discussion at a recent grange meeting was: "Is poor cooking worse for mankind than tobacco?"

WHERE STYLES COME FROM.
Pretty soon some wise old bird will probably cut loose with a theory that the present style in furs came from our venerable ancestor—the monkey. He wore them the year 'round.

Little drops of moonshine,
Little grains of hope,
Make the grieving relatives
Sit around and mope!

ESSAY ON CHARGES.
Live wires are like some people's accounts—they're highly charged.

POOR DAD!
Santa comes but once a year;
He brings good cheer, by heck!
For mother, daughter, son and babe
Dad gets it in the neck!

UMBRELLA-LIKE FOLKS.
Umbrellas and some people are similar—you never know where to look for them.

TOO MUCH FORMALITY.
First roommate—"I say, Walt, would you kindly lend me your green necktie this evening?"
Second roommate—"Why, certainly, Ed. But why all the formality?"
First roommate—"I can't find it."

THE LATEST.
A man was describing his experience at a banquet the night before. "One of the most beautiful women I have ever met sat across the table from me. It was hard to tell whether she had a dress on or not. She was a regular Venus."
"How did you know that she had a dress on?"
"I dropped my fork."

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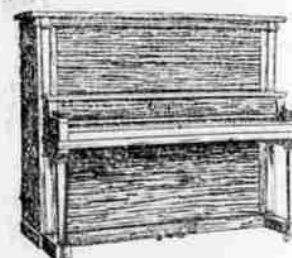
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