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THE GRACE OF GOD—For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.—John 1:17.

We are a disrespectful people, and most audiences snicker at a joke that is heavy with age.

Usually it is safe to maintain your right of way if the fellow coming has a shiny new car.

Suppose you lived in Africa where thermometers drop way down to a hundred every winter?

### A RISING TOLL

Automobile traffic accidents continue to go up. In 1929, 31,500 people were killed by traffic in the United States, an increase of something like 13 per cent over the year before.

The situation is growing worse at an appalling rate, and nothing of any consequence is being done about it.

If some new disease appeared in the country and in a decade or two reached the point where it was killing 30,000 people a year, the whole country would be up in arms about it.

The greatest scientists in the land would be studying it. State and national governments would be appropriating huge sums to fight it. But we take our automobile death list as a matter of course.

### FEAR IS NOT ENOUGH

The London naval conference is one of the most hopeful signs that a war-weary world has had since the armistice. It indicates, plainly enough, that the dread of war is at last able to make itself felt in high places; a thing that was not true at all prior to 1914.

Yet the London conference is only part of the job that awaits the lovers of world peace. H. M. Tomlinson, famous British novelist and war correspondent, sums the situation up very clearly in a recent statement.

"A fear of disaster," he says, "will not save us from it. It is no good thinking a wholesome fear of war will prevent war. That is but a negative virtue. What we want is a positive desire for peace so passionate if it is threatened that statesmen and diplomatists will fear the democracy more than they now fear the wrath of God.

"Let them once realize that war means the march of a populace on its own capital to prevent an iniquity, and war-minded statesmen and officials will go the way of the plague rats and smallpox.

"Let us make no mistake about it. Reduction of armaments is not good enough. It is no good talking that way in this age of machines manned by myriads of organized craftsmen with their standardized opinions. Airplanes and submarines to destroy homes and cut off sea borne supplies can be made like fountain pens when required. They can be even mechanically directed nowadays with electrical and gyroscopic devices.

"Let our governors know that we not only do not want war but desire peace as we do sunlight, and let them understand that if we don't get it Americans will attend drastically to Washington and Londoners to the neighborhood of Whitehall, and peace will then be as natural to us as money is to bankers."

There is a great deal of sense in that. The conference is only half of the job. After that it will be up to us.

### EAST OREGON REMAINS IN FRIGID WAVE

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Organizations have postponed meetings until better weather, not only because of the chill outside, but also because many citizens do not like to leave their homes for any length of time, fearing that a drop in temperature would result in frozen water pipes.

The weather man was a wee bit more optimistic this morning, his prediction being for increasing cloudiness with possible snow in Western Oregon. No immediate change in temperature was foreseen, however.

**WINTER IN FIRM CONTROL**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP)—Winter held mercurial domination over the land today.

From the cotton fields of Dixie to the northwest territory stretch a sheet of ice, glistening under a cold sun. Zero readings were reported in the southwest as it struggled against the fetters of deep snow. The weather bureau reported less and worse than zero weather visit-

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