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THE NATIONS PRAYING FOR DISARMAMENT

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On the occasion of the ceremonies in London in honor of the "Unknown Soldier," General Pershing, who represented the United States, set a very high standard in his brief but impressive address. "Let us profit by the occasion," he said, "and under its inspiration pledge anew our trust in the God of our fathers, that He may guide and direct our footsteps in the path of permanent peace. Let us resolve together in friendship and in confidence to maintain toward all peoples that Christian spirit that underlies the character of both nations."

Very vital and far-reaching issues we are often prone to examine superficially, and probably very many read General Pershing's words with no thought of their significance. But read with a view of their bearing on the momentous deliberations at Washington, in which the old and the new civilizations are represented, they at once expand into importance, presaging the approach to a crisis the issue of which will not only indicate what the future holds for both free and bond peoples, but in a very specific psychological sense the relations we shall bear toward each other individually.

For from whatever angle we reflect on what is happening at Washington, we cannot evade its infallible effect upon the peoples themselves whose representatives, whether imperialistic or no, must in the last analysis give heed to those lesser voices whose aspirations were never before in the world's history so clearly bent on a larger measure of individualistic equality.

Pershing's words sound like an austere pronouncement of a Bishop of the Established Church. It was a solemn occasion, it is true, the calm aftermath of history's major tragedy represented by the broken body of a poor unknown boy who gave his life as a sacrifice to the barbarism of a system which has kept the world in tears and turmoil for a thousand years. As a distinguished soldier Pershing knows the exhilarations of war—and it has them—and yet, as he recalls the waste of it all, the futility of a world in the thrall of its own debased passions, his better nature becomes assertive and he prays God that it shall never be again, that the nations which boast the virtues of Christianity more nearly approximate them in their relations one with the other. It was an intimation in advance of the conference now in session that the time has come for better international understandings and for a nearer realization of the ideals of civilized peoples.

Men of learning have for years preached the doctrine of peace—Washington was called "first in peace"—John Bright was the good old English philosopher who never wearied of berating his country for its war on lesser peoples—the Quakers in the early days of Pennsylvania development were consecrated to peace—Benjamin Franklin regarded it as the one ideal of civilization most worthy of striving for—the Bavarians who quitted Germany and came to America in the early fifties did so in protest against the militarism of the Prussians—the Huguenots, it is said, left France because of their religion, but really because of their belief in the efficacy of arbitration as a means of holding in check the belligerents of the country. If any one doubts that France needs peace today, let him visualize the rain-beaten white crosses in the fields where once the "golden grain was growing," or the mounds of ruins where once stood happy villages and cities, whose people enjoyed their simple yet ample livelihoods.

If America, England, France, Belgium and all the nations of Europe and America will join Pershing in his prayer to Almighty God for peace, the success of the conference will be freed from the doubt and misgivings shared by many who scarcely dare believe that the world is so near the dawn of emancipation. By prayer we mean that touch with the well-springs of our better nature, buttressed with the faith that right makes might and that the author of the universe of which we are each a part will respond to the entreaties of the most humble among us. With the peoples of the civilized world thus prayerfully concentrated, as the representatives of the nations know they will be, only the most foolhardy among the fanatics will dare to obstruct the approach to the ideal which humanity has cherished in vain through generations.

We shall not, however, expect immediate and complete emancipation from the thrall from this conference, for no matter what its results, the fact will remain that lasting peace will eventuate only when men have become purged of their selfishness, doing justice to themselves as well as to others, even to the extent of experiencing a sense of shame when one nation violates another. Nevertheless we shall not be disappointed in what comes of the conference, the unanimity of determination on the part of the most powerful of the group that the burden of armament must be reduced is a guarantee sure to bear fruit, and one for which the world should be grateful.

"Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray," said Lincoln in his second inaugural address, "that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away." These words were uttered in the midst of devastation. The conference at Washington follows a still greater devastation, so embracing in its scope as to have affected more than twenty-three nations. So embracing indeed as that its blight left nothing untouched. So deadly that not one of its victims but is praying that the conference may never adjourn until the last concession has been drawn from the nations represented.

It will not go to bank too much on an "open door" to Paradise.

The rogues who have been making a habit of holding up the ball will hardly "tell it to the ladies," since the latter have been placed on guard.

Friends of former President Wilson say that his wife saved his life in more than one crisis during the times, but the chances are that Dock Grayson thinks he did it.

There is a rash of marriages in England and statistics show that

the average of the grooms is 29 years, while that of the brides is 20. That is a form of kidnapping.

There are no records that Sodom and Gomorrah had daily newspapers. One is safe in saying that they did not have them. But their first pages would have been very much like those of the present day.

"Gipsy" Smith says that Scotland will be dry in five years. But if there was a law to compel a Scotchman to set 'em up it would do more toward curbing

the rule of the rum demon in Scotland than anything we can think of just now.—Exchange.

An insurance man says it is possible to live 300 years. But the life insurance companies do not take this possibility into account in figuring their actuary tables. Possibly they may, in time. It would be an interesting thing to live 300 years in Salem, Oregon, to witness the constant growth and development and improvement. Salem will spread out a lot in 300 years, and no one will be able to tell where the city ends and the country begins in very much less time, with the paved highways and delivery of mails and newspapers and telephones and the electric light and power lines and buzz wagons of high and low degree.

FILMS AND ROYALTY

The royal palace of the Hohenzollerns in Berlin is being used as a film studio for the moment. A notable picture is being filmed that deals with the career of Frederick the Great and it has been found convenient to locate the whole machinery in and around the old palace. Part of the shots will be at the Sans Souci palace at Potsdam, but it seems to be agreed that the palaces of royalty now belong in the movies. Instead of drawing royalty for a picture we will have royalty in them.

PREACHERS IN OVERALLS

Twelve Boston clergymen, temporarily provided with union cards, put on overalls and put in a day's work, week before last, as laborers on building jobs. To give a picturesque demonstration of the fact that they and their churches do not hold aloof from labor—

And last Sunday 25 churches of Greater Boston had services by labor leaders on "Religious Ideals in Industrial Relations."

There is need of a reminder that there should be such ideals in such relations.

Some people may be disposed to take a severe and lofty view of these expedients, and even to question the permanent good that will result therefrom.

But a dramatic presentation of an idea impresses many who would be unmoved by argument, and the value of the experiment must be measured by the effect on public opinion.

In its rapid industrial growth, Boston has become one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the country, and, with its suburbs, it is one of the greatest of our American cities. Time was, when Boston delighted to be called the Hub City, and in this respect reference was made largely to its erudition and its moral standing, and its religious leadership; time was when such a demonstration would have been considered irrelevant if not irreverent. But Boston is different now. And so are most of our American cities, and there is need in all of them for a closer touch between the church and the men who perform the hard and grinding tasks in the necessary work of the world.

BY DEGREES

Marshal Foch is also getting there by degrees. Yale college has conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. Three years ago the marshal was laying down the law to the hordes of Germany and therefore he may be said to have qualified for his degree.

RUSSIA AND RUBLES

The soviet government in Russia is a wonderful thing in one way. Measured by its face value Socialist Russia has issued more money than all the rest of the world in all time. If Adam had commenced making dollar bills on his first day in Eden and had kept steadily at it until this time without stopping for meals he would still be over one hundred billion rubles behind the output of the Lenin administration of Russia. If the government could only persuade people to take its money, everything would be lovely.

PATHS OF WISDOM

"There is more power and glory in 'Lead, Kindly Light,' than in all the fighting anthems in the world." The words are those of Col. George Harvey, the American ambassador to the court of St. James. Col. Harvey also says that a schoolhouse at a crossroads is more potent than a dreadnaught on the deep. If the ambassador would make his rhetoric flight along these lines instead of hurling brickbats at the League of

FUTURE DATES

November 21, 22 and 23—Marion County Teachers Institute. December 1—Elks Memorial service, Grand Theater. December 13 and 14, Sunday and Monday—Spokane concert with Virginia Lee, coloratura soprano.

Nations he would go further and carry better.

PRAYER

(Music: "The Rosary," by Nevin) From out the years of dark despair, Through deepest gloom—no night was there— A cry for aid came down, my only plea, Dear Lord, to Thee, O Christ to Thee!

This prayer from out my heart was wrung With bitter tears and words unspoken.

"I was heard and answered, Savior mine, by Thee, Dear Christ, by Thee!

By love and peace my heart is stilled,

I joy in what my God has willed, Oh, guard and keep, what ever may betide,

Be Thou my Guide, Dear Lord, with me abide! —Frederick M. Steele.

MY HEART AND MY HUSBAND

Adele Jarrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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THE WAY MR. WALTERS RESPONDED TO MADGE'S INVITATION.

When the door had closed behind Jim, Lillian looked at me with eyes in which lurked a twinkle.

"Fess up now," she said, "that you're wondering why under the sun I don't wait until tomorrow morning to tell Jim what I wanted him to do."

"Such a thought has crossed my alleged brain," I smilingly admitted.

"I don't blame you," she replied, "and I wouldn't have told a man of another type than Jim. It will take him all night to turn the thing over in his mind, and get it all settled to his own satisfaction. If he had been compelled to go on such an errand—knowing the importance of it, and the imperative necessity for secrecy—with but a few minutes' notice he would have been completely rattled. As it is, Jim will be a regular slouch tomorrow with nerves of steel."

"Who but you could have read Jim that way!" I exclaimed, and the words were no idle ones.

What Lillian Suggested.

"Wrap the nosebags in tinfoil until we get through with this business. I haven't time to make a bow now," Lillian said impudently, but I knew that behind her mirth lay grim truth, and I straightened myself into an attitude of attention and waited for her further directions.

"Didn't you say this Walters chap has a sister you know very well?" she asked after a few minutes' thought.

"Yes, Esther," I replied. "She was a favorite pupil of mine last year."

"Know her well enough to call her up and ask her and her bro-

Facts About the Catholic Church

BY REV. J. E. BUCK

When the Union had to face its first great peril, the Civil War, the proportion of Catholics in the Union army was double the proportion that the Catholics bore to the whole population, as well as showing the patriotism taught by the Catholic church. A whole host of Catholic generals helped to preserve the Union, among them Sheridan, Rosecrans, Buell, Shields and Mulligan.

In past years when immigration to the U. S. from various parts of Europe was the heaviest, some of our big cities were more than half populated by these foreigners. They came with strange customs, language and inclinations. Every person must see that these cities would no longer merit the appellation "American" unless there were some unifying power amalgamating them with the native-born and making them good law-abiding citizens, and our observant men give almost full credit for this valuable service to the Catholic church. The sameness of the Catholic church here with the Catholic church they knew in their own land, made them feel welcome in here membership and at home in her temples. Foreign children were able to attend Catholic schools, where they learned and priest knew their own language; here they were trained in virtue as well as knowledge, in patriotism as well as religion, and the country of their adoption became dearer to them than the country of their birth.

If this government is to endure and be glorious it is not sufficient that it be based on the Christian religion, but it is necessary that education tend to make our children good as well as learned citizens; that they be taught the heart and conscience as well as the head. But only about two millions of our children are in Catholic schools. In this country of this kind, and (we say it with pride, though it may seem boastful), nearly all of these are in the Catholic schools. We are not minimizing our public schools, for under existing circumstances, they cannot teach religion only in a general way. But it is often a puzzle to know that our Catholic schools are so maligned, even though we do not ask outsiders to bear their expense, and bring great and heroic sacrifices in order that our children may be educated in a way that sets them on a path that will lead them to our country.

The moral soundness of a nation's life rests on the sacredness and stability of the family. But in the U. S. there exists thousands of divorce courts which in one year alone break up over half a million of families. The law that permits this contributes to the killing of here, devotion and sacrifice, and it is no wonder that so-called "crime waves" sweep over our land, which compel us to harden our hearts and think. The number of divorces would be increased by one fifth were it not that over twenty million of our countrymen are pledged not to take part in the nefarious work, and these are the Catholics of the United States. In this connection it is well to note that radical socialism hates nothing more than the Catholic church. If "a friend in need is a friend indeed," then our country has no truer friend than the Catholic church.

ther over this evening for a game of bridge?"

"Of course."

"Then do it, pronto." Lillian rose and stretched her arms wearily. "Make the invitation so cordial and insistent that when it is repeated to the brother he will suspect there is something up and break any other engagement he may have made."

Significant Words.

"What'll we do with the rest of the family?" I ventured as I turned toward the door.

"I'll drop a word in your father's ear that will keep him out of the way, while as for your mother-in-law, you know that the mere hint to the effect that there is some mysterious planning going on will send her to her room in the seventh heaven of thrilling suspense."

We both laughed merrily at the remembrance of several occasions when my mother-in-law's fondness for anything that savored of melodrama in real life had reduced her usual arbitrary hauteur to abject meekness and obedience to orders.

"As for the Dicky-bird," Lillian went on, "I'm venturing my unspoken question, 'it isn't likely he'll hop into the nest before the strange birds fly away. But if he does, leave him to me. I'll clip his wings.'"

I permitted myself a bit of wry speculation on my way down the stairs to the telephone as to the plan Lillian had for getting possession of the desk. That she had some definite course of action mapped out I was sure, but with my slower wits could not guess what she meant to do.

I could obey her orders, however, and in another minute I had called the Walters home and was listening to a deep, masculine voice, which I recognized at once as that of the young attorney.

"Mr. Arthur Walters speaking."

"How do you do, Mr. Walters," I said with my very best air for the benefit of any listening operator. "This is Mrs. Graham. Is Esther there?"

"Not just now." His voice held a note of irrepressible astonishment. "She went out on an errand for mother. But she will be back within ten minutes."

"Oh, that will be all right then!" I said. "Mrs. Underwood and I wondered if you and Esther could not run over tonight and take a hand at bridge. We are the only friends in our families, and we haven't had a game in ages. It really is imperative that you come and join us."

I tried to throw a significance

into my last words that I hoped he would recognize. And I could not repress a smile at my description of Lillian and myself as bridge fiends. Lillian, if she chooses, plays a brilliant game, but the pastime bores her to death, while I am one of the persons who possess absolutely no card sense at all.

Mr. Walters waited a minute that seemed an hour before answering. When he did speak his voice was casual.

"We shall be very glad to come over."

(To be continued)

The new chaplain very much wanted to amuse as well as instruct his men and, according, on one occasion, arranged for an illustrated lecture on Bible scenes and incidents.

One seaman who possessed a photograph was detailed to discourse appropriate music between pictures. The first of these represented Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The sailor cudgeled his brains and ran through his list but he could think of no music exactly appropriate to the picture.

"Please play up, whispered the

chaplain. Then an inspiration came to the seaman and to the consternation of the chaplain and the delight of the audience, the phonograph ground out "There's Only One Girl in the World for Me"—Harper's Magazine.

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