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MENACE OF PEACE

THE latest danger to threaten the United States, according to politicians at Washington, is the menace of peace—of which the hysterical preparedness propaganda against a visionary world in arms is part and parcel. This awful menace has taken the place of the tariff, the psychological panic and rate regulation and the anti-trust law as the father of calamity.

Gilson Gardner, the Washington correspondent, says that the thought of what will happen to the poor working-man of America when the millions of belligerents go back from the trenches to useful occupations brings tears to the most hardened standpatter. To think of all the factories and farmers pouring their cheap goods into the United States wrings the heart of our noble statesmen, who view the war as a good thing for neutrals in that it creates a demand for gunpowder and supplies on the part of belligerents. He thus summarizes the disinterested views of these patriots:

Preparedness—that is the slogan of today—preparedness for peace. We trust it will not come upon us in the night. The more hopeful of us see the war dragging along for two, three, perhaps even ten years. In that case our prosperity is secure; we may by that time become financially entrenched—dug-in, as the modern soldier puts it.

Are we prepared for peace? I say emphatically no! And how do we know what might bring it upon us? Little things often set in motion great forces and thus blindly become the promoters of vast consequences for evil as well as good. Take this fool Ford ship, or the woman's peace party, or the conference of neutral nations proposed by Jane Adams and her crowd. What do women and automobile makers know about war?

I tell you this congress ought to prepare! The naval program is all right as far as it goes. These government manufacture fellows won't get anywhere, and the steel business will go on as it has started. But we should prepare for peace. We should take up the matter of an anti-dumping law right away. The tariff ought to be put up, and we ought to legislate to keep out altogether the products of cheap foreign labor. We ought to allow the freest combination of industry for selling abroad; we ought to encourage the establishment of branch banks abroad, we must grant ship subsidies to build up our merchant marine (a government merchant marine will hurt the shipping business) and finally, we must have the biggest army and navy in the world, so as to protect our commerce and provide a market in which to dump our surplus when peace comes again.

Then, to pinch our foreign markets, we will have to make use of our biggest army and navy to seize foreign lands, and because a republic is not qualified for world invasion, we will have to become an autocracy with a czar or kaiser, and our civilization will have completed the circle, be back where it started from, the bird of freedom dead and only the ghost of democracy left to haunt humanity.

A PLEA FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CONSIDER the Christmas tree, not on account of the unique fruit it bears today, but for its own romantic history.

Whether it be a hemlock, or a balsam fir, or any little scrub "evergreen," your Christmas tree links you with the most remote ages of the earth. It belongs to the family of pines or conifers. These are the aristocrats among trees. Their lineage can be traced back millions of years to the period when fishes were the only important vertebrates on earth.

The pines, then, are very properly a symbol of longevity. As such they have made themselves a great place in oriental art.

The western world, however, has valued them mostly for their commercial uses. Pitch and resin, spruce gum and beer, bark for tanning, wood pulp, medicines and the cheapest as well as some of the most expensive woods are a few of the sources of wealth which man has discovered in the pine family.

And now comes the tragedy of the conifers. Even the trees wage relentless warfare. Darwin says, "The oaks have driven the pines to the sands."

The conifers reproduce themselves from seeds. When a pine tree is cut, its root dies. And the seeds of the cone-bearers, unless they find fortunate lodgment, perish quickly. Thus persistent trees like the oak and the maple have taken up the best ground and the pines now live on mountain heights and sand dunes.

Slaughtered relentlessly by man and lacking power to reproduce themselves rapidly, these ancient and beautiful trees are doomed to extinction.

This is not a plea to do away with the Christmas tree. The trees used at the Christmas festival hardly count in the tremendous annual commercial sacrifice.

This is a plea for the appreciation of the beauty and romance of the pine. Of late, landscape gardeners have been giving them their proper place in small city lots as well as upon large estates.

Whoever has a yard could do a service to his community by planting any of the scores of lovely cone bearers.

And where is the child who would not like to raise his own Christmas trees?

selfishness, race hatred and animal impulse? It appears as if all the virtues of man have disappeared and left in their stead violent passions and an abnormal thirst for blood. Europe today is engulfed in a violent hemorrhage of blood, while America slumbers peacefully and enjoys the opportunities and peace of her "mother country." Yet they say that Europe is a much more highly civilized country than the United States, which is quite plausible, owing to the youthfulness of our institutions.

Hence, it is not improbable that one should ask himself: Has Christmas, the birth of our Savior, been celebrated in vain? We say, "No." Christmas is not an institution recognized for purely educational policies or for its morale. It is an epoch in the history of the world; an epoch that will never be erased from the history of the universe until that system ceases to exist. Christ was born in Bethlehem upon the 25th of December, in the year 1 A. D. When one refuses to respect that date and honor it with true devotion he ceases to be a Christian, for he renounces his belief in Jesus Christ, the son of God, who created the earth. That was not a failure. Why, then, is Christmas a failure?

Is Christmas a Failure? No!

Christmas is held by many to be a mockery, a failure, merely an excuse for unwonted extravagance. Despite the fact that much money is apparently uselessly squandered and that the true spirit of Noel, though present in detail, is sadly lacking when a wide application of Christian principles is desirable, nevertheless the cheering, regenerating effect of an outburst of convivial spirit, however formal and inconsistent, is of countless value at a time of year not renowned for its cheerfulness. At this time the pressure of ordinary routine is especially oppressive; it is the half-way station between the best warm days of Indian summer and the brisk days of March. The old proverb says: "A stitch in time saves nine," so the actual physical stimulus and the even more potent moral stimulus of the season is invaluable to the "tired business man" type, to which most of us belong. So much for the purely economical aspect of the question.

From a religious standpoint we must acknowledge Christmas to be somewhat of a farce. The revival of religious enthusiasm is not as marked as might be expected from the significance of the church festival, yet there is, I believe, scarcely one of us who is not in some degree sensible of a "better" feeling of unspoken determination to do good and to benefit others more than in the past. So, in spite of the many pessimistic sentiments that we hear almost daily, we must be truly thankful for the influence and "morale" of Christmas and cease to think of it in the light of a failure.

MARKET REPORT

Prices Paid by Dealers
 EGGS—40c.
 BUTTER—Daisy, 25c.
 POTATOES—New, 11c.
 ONIONS—11c per lb.
 HONEY—12c per lb.
 CIDER—25c.
 PORK—8@8 1/2c.
 BEEF—9@11c.
 LARD—10c.
 BACON—13@15c.
 SHOULDERS—12 1/2c.
 HAM—16c.
 BUTTER FAT 32c.
 BUTTER—Wholesale, 30c.
Livestock
 HOGS—Alive, 3 1/2@4 1/2c.
 STEERS—Alive, 4 1/2@5c.
 COWS—Alive, 4@4 1/2c.
 VEAL—Dressed, 8@11c.
Live Poultry
 HENS—Large, over 4 lbs., 11c; under 4 lbs., .09c; old roosters, 6c; stags, 9c; spring, 12c.
 DUCKS—Fat, 8c.
 GEESSE—Fat, 8c.
 TURKEYS—13 to 15c, according to quality.
 BELGIAN HARES, 5 to 6c.
Hay and Grain
 (Buying Prices.)
 WHEAT—8 1/2 bushel.
 OATS—\$25 ton.
 HAY—Alfalfa, \$13 ton; grain, \$12.
 BARLEY—White, \$26.

ALLIED MONITORS BOMBARD GERMAN LINES AT WESTENDS

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via London.—Entente allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westends on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by German headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

The statement follows: "Western theater: Fire from our coastal batteries drove off the enemy monitors which shelled Westende yesterday. On this front there was lively artillery activity."
 "One of our air squadrons attacked Poperinghe, where numerous troops of the enemy are gathering. An English biplane was shot down in an aerial fight near Bruges. The occupants were killed."
 "Balkan theater: In the fighting northeast of Tarn, previously reported, three mountain and two field guns were captured."
 "Near Mojkovac fighting continued successfully for the Austro-Hungarian troops."

POSITIVE PROOF

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The best proof. Read it: Mrs. William Charley, 305 North Grape St., Medford, says: "I had much pain in the small of my back and sometimes I could hardly bend or straighten. At night the trouble bothered me, too, and often I couldn't sleep. I tried plasters and liniments, but nothing helped me. When almost discouraged, I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills. In less than two weeks after I began taking them, I felt better. Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills made me well." (Statement given Sept. 14, 1907.)

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THE PAGE

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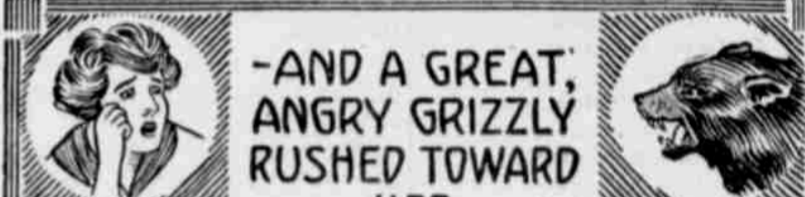
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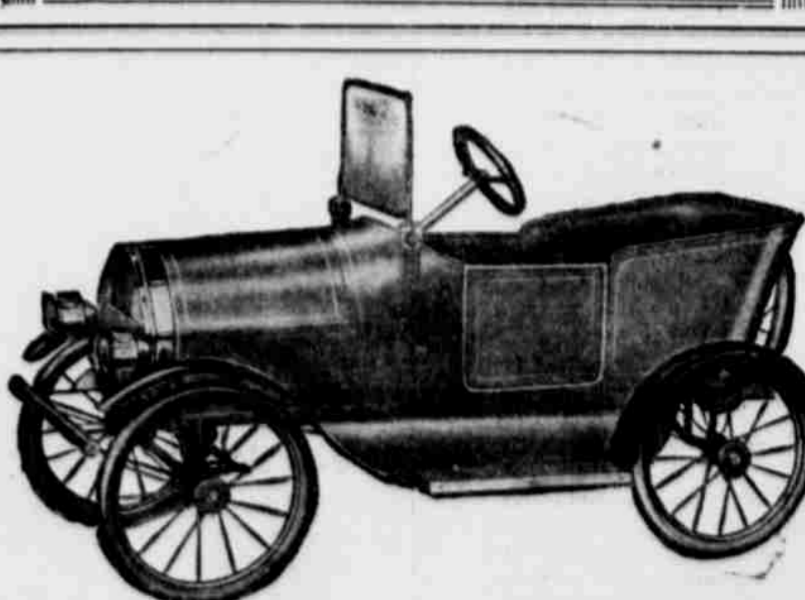
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LEROY INGRAM - - - - 8480

Leader in the contest up to Saturday night. Votes will be counted every night this week. Attend the following matinees and get 20 votes with children's tickets and 100 votes with adults' tickets: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All votes must be in ballot box not later than Xmas eve night at 10 p. m.
 The Auto will be given away Xmas night 8:30.

Subscribers failing to receive papers promptly, please contact Manager at 250-M.

HONG KONG KOLUM

What is the best Xmas present for a neighbor woman with six canary birds? (NICE TABBY CAT.)

Nature Lovers—Attention
 A vicious oyster, we are informed by the New York World, caught a duck's beak in its shell at Smith Point, L. I., and held the duck under the water till the duck died.

Advertising Men! Read!
 Workmen engaged in demolishing the Grover Cleveland home at Caldwell, N. J., discovered a cigar which had lain hidden in the rafters fifty years. The flunder smoked it and said it was good.

Affectionate People Take Warning
 A woman mistaking a Pullman porter for her brother, kissed him on the station platform at Joliet, Ill., then fainted when she discovered her mistake.

John D. has said that he owes much of his business success to golf. Isn't it true that those men owe their golf to success.

A Vermont man has taught his dog to sing, so he tells a New York reporter. (Maybe it is a bird dog.)

Today's Bellringer
 Billy Sunday was once driving across Nebraska. He paused by a rail fence to ask directions of a farmer. After getting his directions, Billy said to the farmer:

"Is that a scarecrow over there in the field? It has stood in the same position a long time—but—"

"That," responded the farmer, "oh no. That's a man I've got working by the day!"

Stella's Bargain Counter
 Many people who do the hesitation waits hesitate too long on their partner's feet.

Forgive our debts as we forgive our dentists.

Good little calves, when they die, become chicken croquettes.

Honk! Honk!
 "Now Ma," cautioned pa, "don't force too much on your guests at dinner."

"What then?" sniffed ma.
 "Make it a sociability run—not an endurance contest."—Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal.

I have a friend who never buys his Christmas junk too soon:
 She says, "I wish the stores would sell their stuff till Christmas noon!"

She's that same girl I told you of, who used to have a beau.
 She kept putting off the wedding till the poor man had to blow!

Louise Goldsmith, a pretty Flatbrookville (N. J.) school teacher has resigned her job because it is too lonesome.

BRITISH LOSSES IN SERBIA ONLY 1278

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The total of British casualties resulting from the Salonki expedition into Serbia was only 1278.

These figures were given in the house of commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war. Mr. Tennant said that only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

AS IT APPEARS TO YOUTH

Editorials Written by Pupils of the Medford High School.

Is Christmas a Failure? No!
 This question has never been an issue until recently, and when we say recently we must include the great European war, which is now being waged upon the battlefield of Europe. The question is a direct outgrowth of that mighty conflict which is daily hoarding up history of great deeds and bloodshed, which has never before been paralleled. Why should we doubt the affirmative answer to this statement when so many human problems are at an issue. Is civilization a failure? One would instantly say "No," but why are men fighting on the graveyard of Europe for the inextinguishable principles of

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