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WRITER TELLS OF CAUSES OF WAR

Trout Lake, Wash., Jan. 7, 1915.
Mr. Editor: I have finished reading Alex Rahm's story in the last issue of your valued paper, and I trust you will grant me space to correct, if possible, the impression Mr. Rahm's letter is apt to leave upon the mind of the reader. Mr. Rahm compares with fine sarcasm the successful 79th barbaric time of the advent of the Prince of Peace, with our modern civilization so rich in machine guns and 42 centimeter cannon.

I have no quarrel with Mr. Rahm's conception of history, but I venture the assertion that the very few would care to see the world go back to the ancient methods of warfare and see reinstated the battle ax and the sword, and the wholesale slaughter of women, men and children of conquered people.

It is indeed a long step from the song of the angels on the plains of Bethlehem to a modern battlefield and to the superficial observer it may appear anything but a step forward. And yet, who is there among us competent to take an inventory of the spiritual development that has taken place in the human makeup since that time?

But instead of placing the time honored precedent of casting the blame for human folly upon some one man or woman, would it not be more in harmony with our profession of culture and civilization to display a little more of the one attribute, above all others, that the Master understood the paramount weakness of humanity when upon one occasion, where there seemed no room for a divided opinion. He nevertheless challenged the multitude to cast the first stone.

It is all very well to curse and damn the Kaiser, but it does not speak well for the use we have made of the divine precepts that have been our heritage these past centuries. In stead of concentrating upon a curse, let us concentrate upon our own folly and error, and perhaps, we might discover that we ourselves come in for our share of the responsibility not only for the war, but for every other war that has ever stalked rampant through the world today.

It is not my intention to discuss the events that led up to this deplorable conflict. In the face of unanswerable facts, most men will cling tenaciously to preconceived notions or they will be swayed hither and thither, by every plausible theory advanced.

The thought I wish to bring out and emphasize is a fundamental factor for the existence and perpetuation of conditions that generate and foster these deplorable outbreaks of passion. The human race has but a dim conception of the purpose of the Divine mind in calling into being creatures possessed of attributes pertaining to his physical, mental and spiritual make up. Attributes that are to serve for our development and progress. This conception is, however, clouded only as it pertains to his mental and spiritual nature. As regards the physical and material, we are all agreed, leaving no room for argument. It is our privilege to grow fine, healthy bodies and use all the faculties with which this body is endowed, to gather together, as our own personal property, as much of the material wealth of this world as possible. What matters it that our gain is another's loss; aren't we playing the game according to rules that are approved and accepted? Are here the seeds of the whole matter. This individual mania for the accumulation of wealth has become international. Nations acting as individuals, displaying all the cunning, jealousy and hate of individuals, hence the strife and conflict on such a scale that fairly staggers the imagination and paralyzes the moral senses.

And yet humanity seems to require a jolt of just this magnitude to bring it to a realization of where we are at.

The fight for commercial supremacy of one man over another, however brutal and productive of suffering and hardship it may be, we pass by unheeded; we accept the facts as part of the game, a struggle of the shoulders and the incident is forgotten. It is part of a system that has always been and always will be.

But thanks to the Divine impulse planted in the human soul, we are becoming cognizant that right here we are going to run up against a Divine law that sooner or later will compel recognition. By and by we will realize that man is a divinity and that we have ignored and smothered his spiritual attributes quite long enough. It is time we gave the other man, the spiritual part of man, a chance to assert himself in the management of earth's affairs.

Commerce will then be the servant of mankind and not its master. Wealth will be produced for the use of all the children of men, instead of for a few.

Now then, are we doing our part towards bringing about this re-estimation of affairs? In so far as we are not, we are jointly and severally responsible for the chaotic conditions in Europe, Mexico, yes, and even in Colorado.

I have brought out this phase of the question of responsibility because it seems to be most studiously avoided by the individual writer, the press and the pulpit. It is so much easier to hurl anathemas against the Kaiser or the German military machine, forgetting that were we placed in their positions we would do exactly as they are doing, only perhaps not quite so efficiently.

Mr. Editor, the world is now reaping a harvest which is a true yield of the seed that has been sown these past centuries. The great overshadowing question for humanity to solve is, shall we go on sowing this kind of seed. Remember, we are now doing it conscientiously; we know the seed, we know the harvest. It is up to us.

Thinking men and women of the world over are raising the question whether man hasn't been neglecting the most important part of himself for these years. Now please don't understand me to mean merely a Sunday-go-to-meeting sort of spirituality. I mean a development of the spiritual sense that takes into his working hypothesis the brotherhood of man seven days in the week, year in and year out. It means the establishment of an economic system that will enable man to progress without using his fellowman as a stepping stone. It means that the beautiful natural resources of this earth belong to all the people, awaiting development for the benefit of all instead of for the few. It means the growing of crops, the making of useful and beautiful things; not for profit, but for use. It means that the earth and the fullness thereof shall never again be fenced off and apportioned and appropriated by the few to the exclusion of the many. Is this asking too much?

Man possesses as much of the Divine spirit now, today, as he ever will possess. It is up to him to give that divinity a chance. B. R. Richter.

GROWERS TO DISCUSS SEATTLE MEETING

A mass meeting of Hood River apple growers will be held next Saturday for the discussion of the problems that will come before the conference of marketing agencies that will be held just previous to the by-products conference in Seattle on January 23. Delegates will be appointed to represent Hood River at this meeting, and it is urged that all apple growers who can conveniently do so be present. Truman Butler, Hood River's member of the by-products committee, issues the following call for the meeting:

"A meeting of the by-products committee will be held in Seattle on January 23 to confer with the principle fresh fruit selling forces of the northwest. The by-products committee has decided to fortify themselves for the meeting of the 23d by having a conference with representative growers from the entire northwest the day before the meeting with the selling forces. As the Hood River member of the by-products committee, I have been requested to call a meeting of the growers to select delegates to attend the Seattle meeting on the 23d. The meeting will, therefore, be held in the Commercial club rooms on Saturday, January 16, at 2 p. m. This will be an open meeting to which all the growers of the valley are welcome, and as the matter to be considered is one of the most important of the entire year, I urge as many growers as can possibly do so to attend this meeting. Truman Butler."

INTER-COUNTY ROAD WORK IN OHIO

When Gus Miller returned recently from Ohio he brought back with him one of the monthly publications issued by the Ohio State Highway Commission. In the Buckeye state a law provides for state aid for inter-county roads. The county commissioners designate the routes, select the materials to be used, and must approve the contract before the state intervenes in the construction of an inter-county road.

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Library Books Sent to Green Point

The county library last Friday made the winter colony at Green Point, the location of the plant of the Stanley-Smith Lumber Co., happy by sending up a large assortment of books. In the winter months, when the snow is several feet deep, the Green Point inhabitants are cut off from the outside world. With plenty of interesting reading matter the winter evenings will now pass pleasantly for the Green Point folk.

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Mohr	11:50	1:50
Odeil	11:55	1:55
Snohomit	12:00	2:00
Bouther	12:05	2:05
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Tout Creek	12:20	2:20
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