

GOOD TIDINGS OF JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL.

When Will Come the Long-Promised Peace?

And When the Good Will to Man?—Nations Still Making Unprecedented Preparations For War.



CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 29th.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here today in the afternoon on "The Great Hereafter" and in the forenoon from the text below quoted. On both occasions his audiences sat spellbound for a much longer time than the serenity have been in the habit of listening to a discourse. Deep earnestness was also manifested to receive from the ushers at the close free copies of Pastor Russell's Booklet on "What Say the Scriptures About Hell." The speaker said:—

Eighteen centuries and more have passed since Israel's greatest Prophet, Jesus, sent forth his message of reconciliation to God. At the time of his birth angel visitors, announcing him, declared that his birth signified "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" and that this would mean "peace on earth and good will to men" (Luke II, 10, 11). Yet after eighteen centuries these prophecies are still unfulfilled. We find the world in more warlike condition at present than ever before. Europe has a standing army of over a million of the picked men of its several nations. And even our own country has deemed it necessary to considerably increase its standing army. On every sea are great battlefleets requiring thousands of men and millions of dollars for their upkeep, not to mention the millions of dollars which they originally cost.

And still more war vessels are planned with greater guns, some of which expend thousands of dollars for powder and shells for even one day's target practice. It is safe to say, too, that the chief interest in and chief backing of recent experiments in aerial navigation come from the War Department of Christendom, which see in such devices a new method of warfare. And the latest information is that a new torpedo has recently been invented more powerful, more destructive, more terrible, than any previous device.

What means this great battle array, this preparation for a great struggle between the nations? Why do not the nations disband their armies and dismantle their navies and turn those wasteful energies to human profit, to making the earth to blossom as the rose? The answer is—Sin. Sin marred the original God-likeness of love in the human heart and, instead, implanted the opposite disposition of selfishness. By heredity sin and selfishness have permeated our race. As we read, "Behold, I was stagen in iniquity; in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm II, 5). This is true of the entire human family. We gloss the surface. We make a show of giving a little money for the education of the heathen. We make a little show of religious activity in Christendom, but the great surplus of wealth is spent in self-gratification—alcoholic beverages alone consuming manifold the amount doled out to benevolent enterprises of all kinds.

Peace, Peace; but No Peace. For centuries the world has been crying out, "Peace, Peace; yet there is no peace," but still greater preparation for war. Why? Because, despite our gloss of civilization, the world well knows its own selfishness, its own greed, its own thirst for power and its own reasons that in others selfishness and greed similarly rule. Hence, with all their protestations of friendship all the governments of the world distrust, dislike one another. And now we have reached a place where the disbanding of the armies of the world would be a dangerous matter. Another million of men thrown on the labor market, already glutted, would be dangerous. And to leave our cities unprotected would invite anarchy in every land. We are not endeavoring to discourage peace conferences and federations. We are merely calling attention to facts—undisputable facts.

The Scriptures graphically describe our present condition. They give us a word-painting of what is now going on, saying, "Beat your plow-shares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears. Let the weak boast that they are strong" and endeavor to keep pace with the strong. "Come, get ye down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat" — the valley of death — the place of the great struggle with which the reign of the Prince of Darkness shall terminate and which will prepare the way for Messiah's Kingdom (Joel III, 1-13).

Thank God for the assurance of his Word that the great "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation," which is about to burst upon the world, whose messes are better educated than ever before and trained to the use of all military equipments, will be but a short struggle! The intimations of the Scriptures is that if these days should not be shortened, the flesh would survive. But for the elect's sake — by virtue of the Kingdom of God's elect being established — those days shall be shortened. Then will come the reign of the Prince of Peace

and, as the prophets declare, he shall be like unto Solomon who had no wars, but to whom every knee bowed and every tongue confessed. His Kingdom of righteousness will be a Kingdom of peace, notwithstanding the fact that it will be ushered in by such a time of trouble.

"I Came Not to Send Peace."

But do the Scriptures contradict themselves? What did the Great Teacher mean when he declared, "I came not to send peace on the earth, but a sword?" (Matthew X, 34). Ah! he referred prophetically to the effect which his gracious message of love and favor would produce in the world during the reign of sin. He well knew that the Prince of Darkness would oppose all of his followers, as well as himself. He foretold that whoever would live godly would suffer persecution — and so it has been. Eighteen centuries have proven it. He sent forth his followers, like himself, unarmed, to "follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." He counseled his followers, "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword." But their message of peace and love and the coming Kingdom which shall bless the whole world and fulfill the angelic prophecy of our text — these things seem to anger the world — not merely the vicious, the ungodly, but the worldly professors of godliness who have schemes and plans and theories of their own to work out which are contrary to the Gospel Message. The darkness, more or less mixed with selfishness, hateth the light, the Truth, the love of God, neither cometh to the light, lest its deeds of darkness, selfishness, selfish ambition, and hypocrisy should be made manifest.

The Master knew what the effects of his Gospel Message would be in the world and that only those who would compromise his Message could possibly live at peace — that all who would be loyal and faithful to him would be trampled, slandered, persecuted — "beheaded," either literally or figuratively. His words, therefore, were a prophecy respecting the tribulations which all his footstep followers would surely have.

But more than this, his words were a prophecy respecting the nations. What is it that has brought us to our present degree of civilized savagery? What is it that makes of every business corporation a buccaneer seeking the destruction of every competing financial craft? What is it that has thus sharpened the wits of humanity to such an extent that the majority find it difficult to be honest, because they see so many opportunities for dishonesty, while it is impossible for law-makers to make new laws with sufficient rapidity to keep pace with the intelligent methods of circumvention. In a certain sense, responsible for all this. The liberty wherewith Christ makes free his followers and the light which he and they let shine upon a darkened world, received in part into un sanctified hearts and minds, have given wisdom that, misapplied, we call cunning and craft. The proof of what we say is found in the fact that other nations than those which have received this reflected light of Christianity are still quiet in the background. Only now, as Christian civilization in a perverted form is reaching these peoples are they awakening and becoming competitors with us called Christendom.

In our advanced conceptions of finance, warfare, etc., a pertinent question worthy of deep thought, is, Will it be possible to live in the world at all after the greatest financial minds shall have "trust-ified" all of the world's business, and after the labor organizations shall have had their say as to who shall and who shall not earn a living, and after the teeming millions of China and Japan shall have become thoroughly civilized and Christianized after the nominal sort? Would not the hordes of the Far East overwhelm the comparatively little handful of Europe and America? What is the prospect of the fulfillment of the prophecy of our text — "Peace on earth, good will toward men?" There is no prospect from the earthly sources toward which we have been looking. If that prophecy is ever to be fulfilled it must be by some Divine intervention in human affairs.

The Desire of All Nations Coming. Notwithstanding the eighteen centuries of delay our text as a prophecy will surely be fulfilled, and be fulfilled, too, by and through the One whom the angels announced and whose birth is very generally celebrated today. The Great Teacher, questioned by Pilate, answered that he was born to be a King — the King of the Jews, but he also added, "My Kingdom is not of this Age." How true! Many of us have gotten the wrong impression, that our Redeemer has been waging, as the Great King of Glory, an unsuccessful warfare for eighteen centuries against Satan, sin and death. But have we heard from the "Great Teacher's" own lips that his Kingdom is not of this Age. It belongs to the "world to come" — the Age to come.

Do we inquire, then, who has been the ruler of this world, this Age? The answer of the Master is, that Satan is the Prince of this world. He is a usurper. The dominion of earth was given to man, but Satan, deceiving our race, putting darkness for light, has become thereby the real ruler, using humanity merely as his tools. He is styled "the god of this world," and the "Prince of this world," or age. And we are told again that "He now worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience." When we reflect how many of humanity are disobedient, we see the vastness of the empire controlled by the Prince of Darkness. And when we see the few, comparatively, who are soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb we perceive that, as the Master

said, his following during this age is to be a "little flock."

Perplexed and confused many may ask, What, then, is the hope of the fulfillment of our text: "Peace on earth, good will toward men?" We answer that our Master, who declared that he was not the Prince of this age, declared also that his Kingdom of the next age will be introduced with power and great glory and that, although its initial manifestation will be with clouds and darkness and a time of trouble such as never before has been, nevertheless his reign will be glorious, triumphant and eternal. "He shall take unto himself his great power and reign" until "he shall have put all enemies under his feet;" "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." "Unto him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

The victory of Emmanuel means the overthrow of sin — the crushing of the serpent's head. As the Satan shall be bound and following its close he shall be destroyed in the Second Death, together with all those who love unrighteousness, after they shall have had full knowledge and full opportunity for recovery from the snares of sin and death. Then, indeed, the whole world will proclaim the glory of God. There will no longer be discordant sounds. As the Scriptures declare, There shall be no more crying, no more sighing, no more dying — all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away (Rev. XXI, 4).

The Great Restorer of All.

The great King who, eighteen centuries ago, died the Just for the unjust, that he might, judicially, bring mankind back into harmony with God, is to be the Great King of earth, the great Restorer of all that was lost in Adam, and he will make all things new" (Revelation XXI, 5).

Everything appertaining to this great Plan of Salvation outlined in the Word of God is reasonable. The crucial testing of the elect Church is necessary in order that, as faithful and merciful priests of God and of Christ, associated with him in his kingdom glory, they may be God's instrumentality in securing mankind from the fallen conditions which have resulted from six thousand years of sin, and from the malignant influence of the Prince of darkness, during the thousand years which the Bible stipulates as the period of Messiah's reign (Revelation XX, 6) — a period neither too long nor too short in which to accomplish the great work of the world's salvation.

True, some one might say, if it has required eighteen centuries for the development of the Church, how much more time will be necessary for the uplifting of the world? But we answer that it is not the Divine Purpose to uplift the world to the station of spirit nature and glory, but rather to restitution blessings and conditions. It is because of the high exaltation offered to the Church that such crucial testings of sacrificial obedience even unto death is required. With the Prince of darkness bound and the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in its beams the darkness of sin and crime and sorrow will soon flee away.

One century of such blessed influence upon the world will surely work wonders, bringing in also inventions and comforts and blessings, as yet undreamed of. Next will come the gradual awakening of all who have fallen asleep in death. They will come forth from the prison-house of death, as the Scriptures declare; will come forth that they may be made acquainted with the true God and with his glorious Son, the Redeemer, and with the principles of righteousness in contrast with the principles of sin.

We cannot suppose that it will require the majority of men, under those conditions, to sit long counting the value of the blessings of eternal life and restitution proffered them. The upward move, resurrection, uplifting, regeneration, will go rapidly on, while meantime, generation after generation shall come forth from the tomb and enjoy similar experiences. Finally all shall have come forth, because the love of God made this provision through the death of our Redeemer, who delighted to do the Father's will and who has already been rewarded gloriously with high exaltation to the divine plane of glory, honor and immortality.

Good Will Amongst Men.

The attainment of the condition of good will amongst men will mean the attainment of human perfection. God is Love. And when our first parents were created an earthly image of God, love must have been the predominant quality of their characters. What we see of selfishness is largely a matter of heredity, and all of life's customs are in line with it and continually increasing its weight and its hold upon us. But with the new King and the new reign of righteousness will come the glorious uplifting and transformation. Gradually, during the thousand years of Messiah's dominion of the world, the evils of selfishness will be made apparent and the beauties of holiness and love will be shown in contrast.

Restitution rewards will lift all the willing and obedient up out of sin and selfishness to holiness and love. Then will love be the very essence of man's being, good will toward men will everywhere prevail, because the Divine law, almost effaced through the reign of sin, will be rewritten in the human constitution. "That Law, as we know it, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.'"

Finally, dear friends, how glad we are that this is true; how glad we are that the terrible falsehoods palmed off on us during the Dark Ages respecting a God of hatred and a hell of torture everlasting are not true!



—Heaton in Chicago Inter Ocean.

WHITE SLAVER IS ARRESTED IN PORTLAND

[UNITED PRESS LEASER WIRE.] Portland, Or., Dec. 30.—White Minnie Hall, his alleged victim, shivered and sobbed in a room adjoining, Charles Peters, a Greek restaurant keeper, was examined by federal authorities here today and held under \$4000 bonds for preliminary examination on the charge of being a white slaver. The girl was placed under \$500 bond as a witness.

According to the complaint made by the girl when she appealed to the police for aid, Peters persuaded her to leave her home at Redding, Cal., and accompany him to Medford, Or. At Medford, she alleged, the man compelled her to submit to the attentions of Greek laborers. Recently the couple came to Portland, where the girl caused his arrest. When she appeared at the police station she was badly bruised about the body, and one eye was blackened. She said Peters had beaten her.

MAY ABOLISH THE NATIONAL GUARD OF IDAHO

[UNITED PRESS LEASER WIRE.] Boise, Ida., Dec. 30.—As a result of the controversy between Governor Brady and Secretary of State Lansdon, it was reported today that a movement is on foot to abolish the national guard of Idaho. Since Lansdon was ousted from his colonelcy, officers and men of the guard have taken sides and strained relations between members of the organization have obtained. It is now asserted that a movement to cut off the revenue for the guard is being made by interested parties. Such an action would be tantamount to abolishing it, according to friends of Lansdon.

Although the board of inquiry, appointed by Governor Brady, decided that Colonel Lansdon was guilty of insubordination and ordered his dismissal he has announced his candidacy for re-election as colonel of the second infantry. Lansdon and his friends have "dubbed" the incident the "Dreyfus" case in Idaho politics. They claim that Lansdon was attacked for political reasons and charge that Governor Brady was behind the prosecution. In reply to the charge Governor Brady has postponed the election of Colonel from December 31 to January 14 when Governor-elect Hawley will have become chief executive. "I have ordered the adjutant general to postpone the election until after my retirement, as I do not wish to control this matter," said Governor Brady today.

"By this action I place the whole matter beyond my control. If Mr. Lansdon is playing for time as it has been reported this will give him ample opportunity. "Concerning the charge that politics entered into the dismissal of Mr. Lansdon, I have only to say that I have never discussed politics with any member of the national guard with a view of furthering my own or party's interest. In my opinion the national guard should be kept out of politics."

The man who does as he pleases in his own house usually pleases to please his wife. We are apt to miss the point of a blessing in disguise even though it carries a diagram.

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Proposals for Supplies. Proposals for furnishing supplies to the Oregon School for Deaf Mutes will be received at the office of the superintendent till Saturday noon, January 7. Where a particular article or brand is called for, bids for goods of other kind or manufacture will be entertained, samples being submitted. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids in whole or in part. Preference will be given goods of Oregon manufacture, quality being equal.

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DRAFTING A LAW FOR COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

[WILM CHERRY, BUREAU CHAIRMAN.] Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—Stiff fines for other employees or employers who fail to accept compulsory arbitration will be provided in a bill to be introduced at the coming legislature by Senator George W. Shaeffer. The proposed law, patterned after the Massachusetts statute, provides a fine of \$50 a day for workers and \$100 a day for employers who strike or cause strikes instead of submitting to arbitration. The bill probably will be opposed by the state federation of labor, which will endeavor to have enacted a similar law, but one of its own drafting.

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Portland, Sunday, as announced, according to Chief of Police Cox today.

Soon after coming into possession of a handbill which said that the "celebrated 100,000" fight pictures would be shown, the chief of police issued an order prohibiting the show.

Notice to this effect was served on the officials of the theater this forenoon.

Some men refuse to go in debt because the corner grocer is on to them.