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Our Outlook

A WORLD WITHOUT CHILDREN.

"A world without a child." We caught the suggestion from the title of a book, and we wondered what sort of a world it could be without a child. Sometime ago a would-be reformer who wanted to pose as a sort of opponent of President Roosevelt's anti-race-suicide protests, deliberately claimed that the world would be better if population could be suspended for ten years.

What a field for an imaginative penman. Think of this country at Christmas time without a child. Think of the period of years without the cry or laughter—the sunny innocent merriment of a little child.

"A world without a child," too, would argue a world without a woman for woman's hearts would hardly find a resting place nor woman's life a full response if there were no mother-love and no sister-care.

Santa Claus would most certainly be slain if there were no children.

Some hard-headed old philosopher might claim that this would be no loss but if all that the merry old pagan stands for in the minds of children were buried the world would lose half its Christian cheer.

The world of lovers, too, would sustain a shock. Think of a period of ten years without young people—without boys—rollicking, noisy, sportive, hearty, wickedly-good or good-wicked boys,—tumbling over boys—upsetting decorum and disturbing the placid order of things.

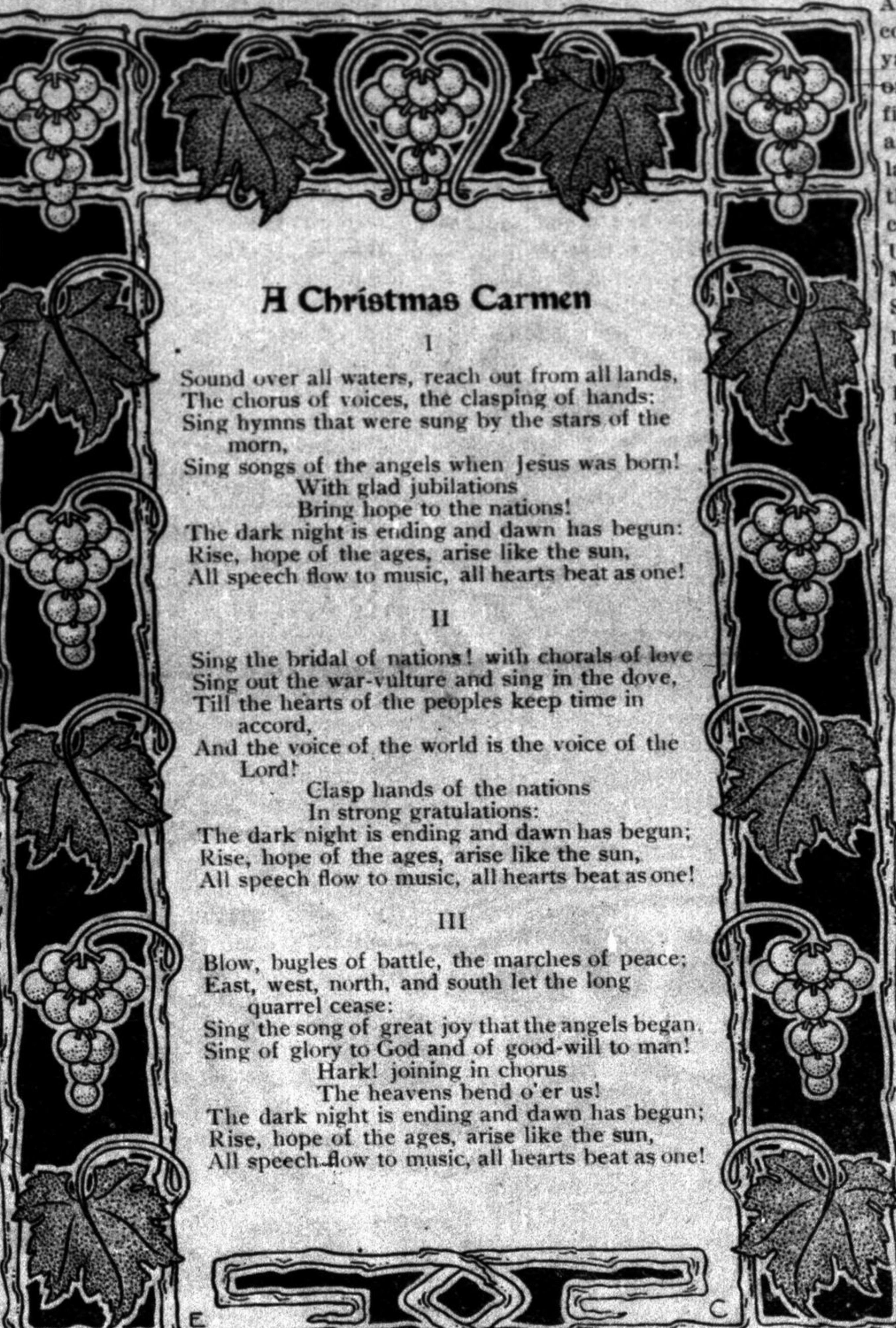
Without girls, lovely, hearty, innocent, prattling musical, merry girls.

Frankly, we do not want to think of a world without a child. We love children and flowers and desire them both.

OUR NAVAL DEMONSTRATION.

With a great flourish—no, not "a flourish of trumpets" but with a booming of cannon and the applause of newspaperdom the American fleet received the word of command from President Roosevelt and started off on a long cruise half around the world on December 15th.

The President seems to have been enthusiastically proud of the fine spectacle of our navy as the noble ships plowed their way in stately procession over the seas.



A Christmas Carmen

I

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clasp of hands:
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!
With glad jubilation
Bring hope to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun:
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

II

Sing the bridal of nations! with chorals of love
Sing out the war-vulture and sing in the dove,
Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord!

Clasp hands of the nations
In strong gratulations:

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

III

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north, and south let the long quarrel cease:

Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man!

Hark! joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

Atlantic and Pacific coasts. To show congress the necessity of more navy yards, and better docking facilities on the Pacific coast. To drill the officers and men in battle formations and general fleet maneuvers on a large scale. To familiarize them with the waters of the South American coast and the western harbors of the United States. To strengthen the Monroe doctrine by showing our South American cousins the great power back of it. To restore to the United States the balance of naval power in the Pacific ocean. To promote among the people of the Pacific slope increased interest in the up-building of the navy. To be ready for possible war with Japan.

WHITTIER.

The centenary of a great American poet is an occasion worthy of more than a passing remark. Doubtless, many of our best people, especially in Massachusetts, will celebrate in their own way the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier which occurred on Dec. 17, 1807. That middle name of his has a peculiar fitness for the memory of a man who wrote for patriotism, liberty and religion as Whittier did will always be as a "green leaf."

There is hardly a public school pupil of this country but is familiar with "Snowbound." It would be well if all of Whittier's poems could have a larger place as an antidote to the printed poison which reaches our young people by the ton.

Dr. Frank Gunsaulus addressing his great congregation at the Chicago Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 15, paid the following eloquent tribute to him:

"The man that more than all other in the midst of the small and the great gained the ear of this nation and sung into this nation's life the secret of his own faith and his own vision was John Greenleaf Whittier. He did it as every great orator does it with his audience—he had faith in the essential integrity of human nature, faith in the light within every man, and he appealed to that."

"Johnny," said a father to his greedy offspring, "you are like a pig. Do you know what a pig is?"

"Yes, sir," answered Johnny, "a pig is a hog's little boy."

The question which naturally arises in the minds of common people is,

What is the object of this naval display parade? Is it to show off our militant muscle and let the world know that we are in the field for a "finish fight?" Other countries will not be to blame if they so read it, just as they have always regarded similar displays in the old world.

There is one other remark incident to this demonstration of naval forces. Was it necessary to start off on Sunday? Why did the President go on a trip in the Mayflower and give the

word of command which would set thousands of hands busy on the one day that the entire Christian world recognizes as a day of rest?

What is the significance of calling this a Christian country if the highest representative of our nation, who is also a prominent church member, breaks the Sabbath by starting for a warlike demonstration on that day?

The various reasons assigned for the cruise are: To demonstrate to the world America's naval prowess. To show congress the need of a still greater navy, in order to protect the