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**IN A COUNTRY
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By Lillian Collier Gray

The most beautiful story ever written is undoubtedly the Christmas story as told in the Gospels. The story that ranks second in loveliness is, in my opinion, that of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke.

Van Dyke says he never heard of the Fourth Wise Man until, one night, he "saw him distinctly, moving through the shadows in a little circle of light." And, "All that I had to do was to follow Artaban, step by step, from the beginning to the end of the pilgrimage." You remember the story:

Artaban, a Median, lived in the city of Ecbatana, in the days of Augustus Caesar. He was one of that ancient priesthood of the Magi, known as fire-worshippers. Van Dyke pictures him as the one who proclaimed to the other Magi that a new star would appear in the sky which would announce the birth of the King of Israel. He had made ready for the journey. He had sold his house and possessions and had bought three jewels, a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl to carry them as a tribute to the King.

Artaban set forth on his journey on Vasda, his swiftest steed. While he travelled many miles, and while still three hours from the Temple of the Seven Spheres, where he was to find his comrades, Artaban was much distressed to come upon a poor Hebrew exile lying unconscious on the dusty road. He was filled with resentment at the delay, for every moment was precious. But he could not leave the man without giving him what aid he could. The Jew was grateful, and, in return, he told Artaban where to seek the Messiah, at Bethlehem of Judah.

Artaban rode in haste, but reached his destination only to find his comrades had gone on to find the King. "Follow us across the desert," the message they had left behind read. But Artaban could not cross the desert alone without food and with a spent horse. He had to return to Babylon, sell his sapphire and make provision for the journey. In despair, the Fourth Wise Man retraced his steps.

When the pilgrim finally arrived at Bethlehem on the third day after the Three Wise Men had come to the palace, he approached full of hope and bearing the ruby and pearl to offer to the King. As the streets were deserted, Artaban went to a low stone cottage to enquire as to what had taken place during the time he had lost. The young mother who was hushing her child to rest told him a Child had been born in Bethlehem, that three travellers had paid reverence to him, and that they had disappeared in as strange a manner as they had come. She gave the weary Artaban food, but while he rested a great confusion filled the streets and the soldiers of Herod stood in the doorway demanding the child should be handed over to be slain. And Artaban, holding the ruby in his hand, said there were no children in that house and asked the captain to leave them in peace. With the voice of the woman weeping for joy in his memory, Artaban went on, asking forgiveness for the lie he had told and for having spent on man that which was meant for God.

Artaban wandered throughout Egypt, seeking everywhere for the Holy family. Wherever he went he found suffering and misery which he did his best to alleviate. The pearl he still kept, hoping that one day he might yet offer it to the King. Thirty-three years passed, and Artaban was still seeking. He came at last once more to Jerusalem at the season of the Pass-over. The city was thronged with pilgrims, and from a group of these strangers Artaban learned they were on their way to Golgotha where two famous robbers were to be crucified, along with Jesus of Nazareth, a man who had done many wonderful works among the people, but who had been condemned by Pilate and the priests and elders.

Artaban listened with a heavy heart. Could this man be the same who had been born in Bethlehem thirty-three years ago, and at whose birth the star had appeared in the heavens? The old man slowly followed the multitude until, at the Damascus gate, a young girl broke away from a troop of Macedonian soldiers and threw herself at his feet, begging to be saved from a fate worse than death.

Artaban trembled. Only one jewel remained to offer to the King. Yet could he refuse to part with it to rescue this helpless girl kneeling in the street? He stretched out

**Unions For Farm Labour Impractical
In Halton, Most Farm Forums Decide**

When Farm Forums listened to Monday night's broadcast over C.B.L. at 8:30 they heard a dramatized discussion on "Security for Farm Labour" 14 Forums reporting.

What are the most important things for a farmer to keep in mind if he wants to get and keep good hired help? Good wages, good board, regular hours, holidays with pay, entertainment in spare time. If he is a good man, protect him with workmen's compensation, treat him as a member of the family. If married, provide with decent living quarters and last but by no means least, create a larger income to pay a fair wage.

The second question: "Farm workers in many countries have their own unions. Do you think it a good thing for farm workers in Canada to unionize?" Hornby claimed in their community they had no farm labor to unionize. Nasagaweya No. 7 forum claimed farm workers should have a union of their own to which they may or may not belong, because what is fair for the industrial worker should be good for farm labor.

Kelso thought unions for farm labor not advisable in Canada (a) The scarcity of farm laborers in Canada gives them the opportunity to choose good places to work, with satisfactory working conditions, without unions. (b) If farm unions got too strong, a farmer would have to employ a man whether he was any good or not. (c) If farmers themselves were unionized, their farm labourers could be, otherwise the farmers would be in the unions' power too much. (d) Farmers cannot control the price of their products, therefore their incomes are uncertain and they cannot guarantee hired help a definite wage.

Zimmerman claimed farmers cannot pay wages demanded by organized labor. Farmers cannot compete against the exorbitant prices paid in industry and the wide distribution of labor. There are not enough persons in the farm labour groups in one place to make it practical.

PROCLAMATION

Upon motion of the Council which was passed December 5, I was instructed to issue a Proclamation declaring

BOXING DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

as a Public Holiday in Milton and ask that citizens observe it as such.

C. H. HESLOP, Mayor

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TOMATOES - - - 31c

his hand and laid his pearl in the palm of the poor slave.

When the earthquake that shook the place and hurled buildings into the street had subsided, Artaban lay motionless in the dust, blood trickling from a deep wound in his temple. The girl, bending over him, heard him say faintly: "Not so, my Lord. For when saw I thee hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw I thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? When saw I thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee? Thirty-three years have I looked for thee; but I have never seen thy face, nor ministered to thee, my King."

And then the maid heard again, very faintly and far away: "Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

A calm radiance of wonder and joy lighted the pale face of Artaban. His journey was ended. The Other Wise Man had found the King.

That is the story—the story of one who spent on poor, suffering humanity the treasures he had intended for God, and who found in the end that he had done the things nearest to the heart of God. The story will never grow old, for it embodies truth as eternal as the Christmas story itself.

CHRISTMAS Greetings

Greetings to our friends and our neighbours on this Happy Holiday. Let the bright spirit of the day fill all your days with the light of cheer and good health.

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