

# "Our World Has Passed Away" By Lewis Milligan

I have been re-reading A. G. Gardiner's book, "Prophets, Priests, and Kings," and was particularly interested in his character sketches of Bernard Shaw, G.K. Chesterton, Lloyd George, and Winston Churchill. Gardiner was editor of the London Daily News, and he was intimately acquainted with most of the leading men of England about thirty-five years ago, when his sketches were first published. At that time, Chesterton and Churchill were very young men, and Shaw and Lloyd George were in the prime of middle age. London—and, indeed, the world at large—was a different place from what it is today, or what it suddenly became a few years later when the First Great War broke out and Kipling wrote:

Our World has passed away,  
In wantonness o'erthrown;  
There is nothing left today,  
But steel, and fire, and stone.

After the war an attempt was made to salvage the old world. London was still intact, except for a few buildings which had been hit by bombs dropped from the "Zeps," but the "Zeps" had suffered most. The war had resulted in more or less of a stalemate, and everybody wanted to forget it and return to the old familiar ways again. Some of the younger writers were soured by the experiences of the war, and they turned to free verse, immoral or non-moral novels, and nebulous meanderings. In politics there was

a revival of socialism and some of the well-to-do young sparks joined the Labor movement, and Oxford became a hot-bed of socialism and pacifism. The churches were in the spiritual doldrums and they tried to fill their sagging sails with various kinds of bellows and electric fans. But their ships wouldn't budge.

Then came the Second Great War. It did not break with the same suddenness as the first. It was more in the nature of a time-bomb which most people knew was there, although they were not sure when it would go off. Some very important people refused to believe that it would go off at all, and tried to persuade us that it was only a dud. But it went off, and blew our world to smithereens. Winston Churchill took up the refrain of Rudyard Kipling, with tragic emphasis, and declared that there was nothing left for us but "blood, and sweat, and tears." And he proved to be right.

London today lies in ruins. The haunts of Shakespeare, Doctor Samuel Johnson, Fox and Pitt, Charles Lamb, Coleridge, Keats, Carlyle, Mill, Tennyson and all other great Victorians, have disappeared. Those haunts were "such stuff as dreams are made on," and the little lives of their inhabitants are "rounded with a sleep."

Those who remember London of the first decade of this century will recall it, not only as a museum of

historic places and personalities, but also as a mighty city, throbbing with urgent and ever resurgent life. Ludgate Hill, and Fleet Street were like a loom with the congested tram shuttling to and fro—

To and fro the shuttle goes,  
On the loom of London Town.  
Warp and woof of joys and woes,  
But the pattern no one knows,  
For 'tis woven upside down.

## CHINESE WAR SCORE

A Chinese magazine is on my desk, telling stories of sacrifice that stagger the imagination. "Of the total estimated population of China," it says, "220 million live in Free China, 200 million live under Japanese occupation, and 40 million are displaced persons." The minimum number estimated to be needing relief is 84 million—a figure equivalent to the combined populations of Canada, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece and the Netherlands!

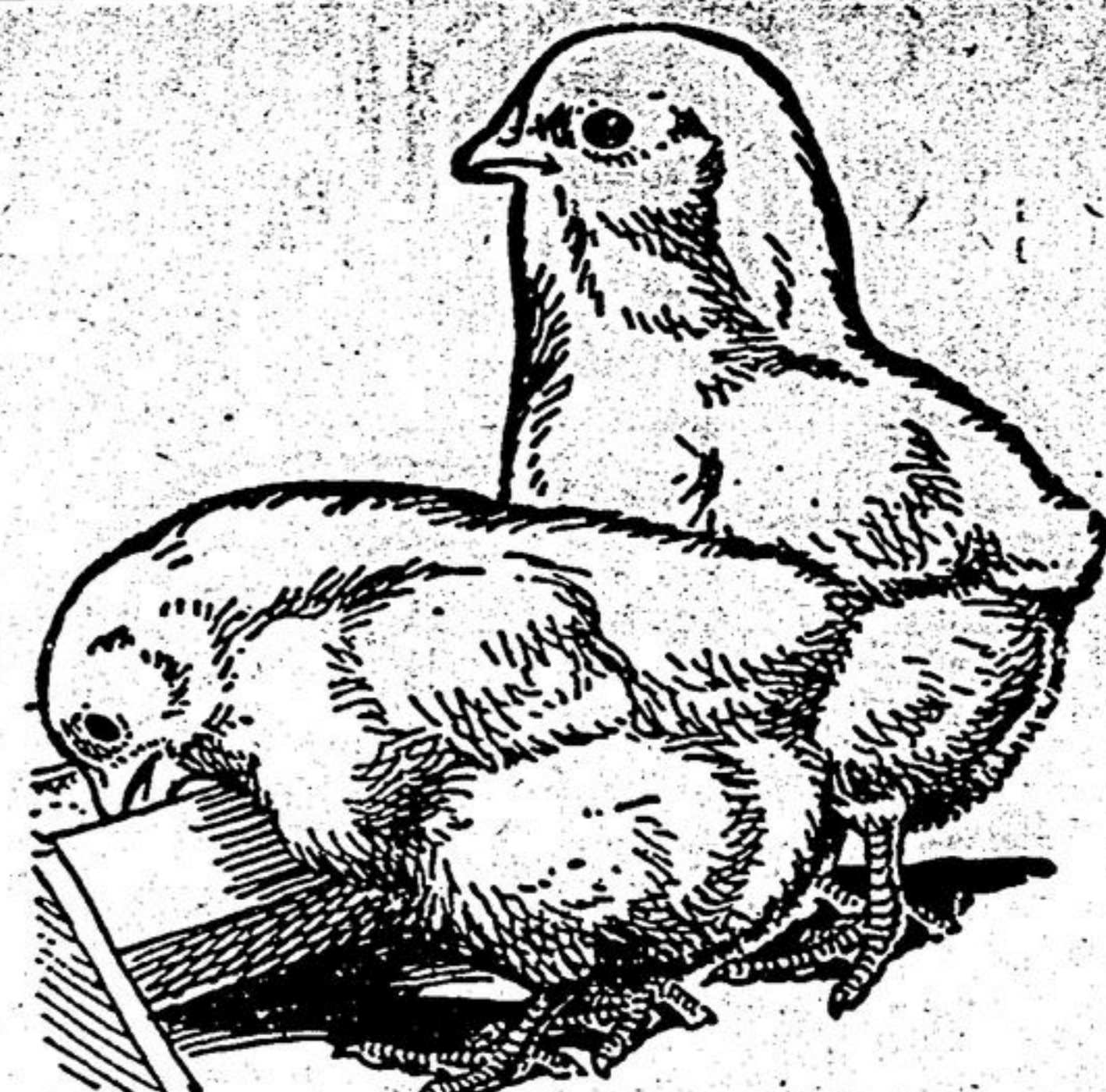
War casualties in China over the 7-year period July, 1937 to June 30, 1944, totalled 2,802,220 from the Army, and at least 182,000 air raid casualties. In addition 40,000 "war-hans"—children rendered homeless and friendless by the war—are being cared for by various relief and philanthropic associations.

The only bright spot in the picture is the figure for Japanese casualties—over two million army casualties, besides 600,000 casualties from garrison, supply and transport units.

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## Bible Questions

Question—I can't see how the whole life of Christ can be given in books as short as Matthew or John. How can it be?

Answer—It isn't. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20: 30, 31

Q.—Don't you think we will all be so frightened when Christ returns that we will just run and hide?

A.—Not everybody. Those who are looking for Him will be glad. Isaiah 25: 9 says, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Those who try to hide will be the unprepared. (Revelation 6: 14-17.)

Q.—Does "fulfill" in Matthew 5: 17, 18 mean to do away with?

A.—The apostle Paul's idea of fulfillment is "fully to preach." (Colossians 1: 25—margin.) Christ fulfilled the law in this respect, for He taught the law of God as no one had ever taught it before. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5: 17, 18.

Q.—Aren't all of us children of God whether we are good or bad?

A.—In the sense that God is the Creator and Sustainer of all life, yes. In the spiritual sense, no. Spiritually, only those are the sons of God who are described in such scriptures as Romans 8: 14, 15: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." And Galatians 3: 26: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

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