

A MESSAGE OF PEACE

A bewildered mind fails this year to grasp the meaning of the Christmas message, the message of peace and good will to men.

The message of peace comes in 1916 from a new and unlooked-for source—the counsels of the war lords.

Frederick Palmer, in his First Year of the War, tells the simple and pathetic story of a Christmas in Belgium.

The world, then, does not, and cannot, interpret the Christ life while present conditions prevail, and one wonders if the war will make conditions worse or better.

The evidences of Christianity, as we once understood and interpreted it, are absent; and it may be, as some British divine has put it, that the holocaust is the usual preliminary for accomplishment to that purification of life which is deemed so absolutely necessary.

At any rate, there has been a revival of religion, and once more—in the Old Land more than this, for the ravages of war have not yet apparently wrought their most corrective lesson in Canada—the Christ will be worshipped in the heart with a new devotion.

God only knows whether the sacrificial fires have burned long enough and fiercely enough to consume and relieve the world of its gross, but let us hope that the end is near.

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The merry bells of Christmas ring through the frosty air Glad, beautiful and holy—a promise and a prayer.

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READING MEN'S MINDS.

The motives of the Kaiser in counselling the appeals for peace, through the neutrals, cannot be surmised.

The premier—and one stops as he writes the term to reflect upon the marvelous rise of the man from the much-abused faddist to the great dictator—has to pacify two important divisions of the people.

The other party is that with which Lloyd-George has been allied practically since he became a public man.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

Waiting For The Train.

Waiting for the train is a flourishing American industry which calls for more patience and home-spun religion than trying to teach table manners to the brainless burr.

Rippling Rhymes

LIFE IS SHORT



The span of life is much too brief, the years too fast are jumping; we're in the serg and yellow leaf before we've started humping.

who never, it is said, change their political faith, who may concede something for a while, but not very much at any time and for very long.

Lastly there is a party outside of England whose leader wants to know what the little Welshman thinks. This is the Kaiser.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bethmann-Hollweg's latest pictures are not at all flattering. He looks like a man who is not enjoying the peace that passeth understanding.

It looks as if the Allies' war machine in the Balkans may slip another cog. Which would be bad for more than the Allies.

A deputation of liquor men told Premier Gouin of Quebec that prohibition would not produce the desired results.

A deputation of wholesale merchants, who went to Quebec to oppose the anti-liquor legislation, said that living was not high.

Inspector Cowley, of Toronto, has demonstrated, from statistics, that the child who begins his public school education at seven years of age makes greater progress than the one who begins at five years of age.

MINISTER FINED FOR TRESPASS

St. Marys Proprietor Resentful of Search of Premises.

Stratford, Dec. 16.—Damages to the extent of \$1 with costs, according to the divisional scale, were awarded James A. McLaren, a St. Marys hotel-keeper, in his action in the county court against Rev. John Knight of Hensall, for trespass.

The action arose over a search for liquor made of the premises by the chief of police of St. Marys and the defendant. No liquor was found and the plaintiff claimed that the reputation of his house was impaired by reason of the search.

To Spend Christmas at Front.

London, Dec. 16.—Arrangements have been concluded for a party of Canadian journalists to spend Christmas at the Canadian front in France.

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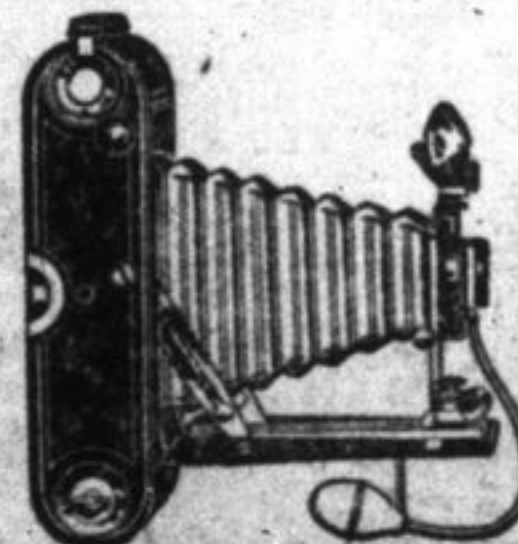
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"PLUCKED" IN EXAMS

Lady Medical Students Who Wanted to Go Overseas. Toronto, Dec. 15.—The problem of the four fifth-year lady medical students who applied for commissions to go overseas with their male colleagues, which has been puzzling the military authorities inasmuch as military regulations do not permit of this, has been solved by the action

of the university examiners who have "plucked" the young ladies. A report that the "plucking" was done with a view of keeping them at home is emphatically denied by Dr. McPherson, of the Faculty of Medicine. "They failed to qualify," he said. And many a girl marries the wrong man because the right one fails to propose.