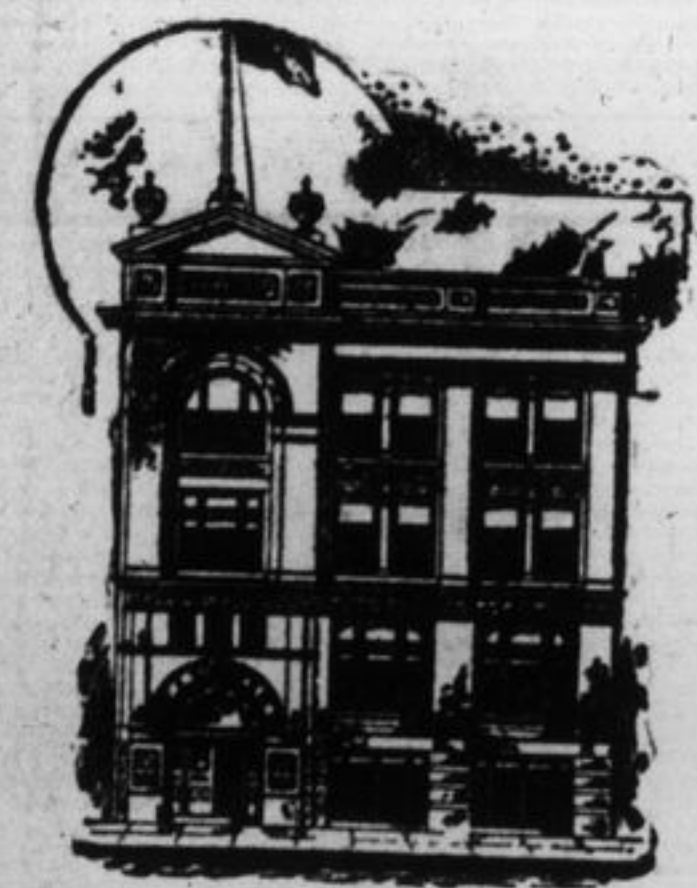


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No man likes to be shown he is wrong in certain actions; he much prefers to discover it himself.

The saloons may be dead but their spirits go roaming around the country in hip pockets and in the boot-leggers' sack.

Because they know much of the inside of houses woman architects have taken the chief prizes for city housing plans.

"Father's in the kitchen and mother's at the polls," may yet be a reasonable statement of the little son on the sidewalk.

Will the markedly great increase in railway rates give relief to the passenger who really wants to get the car window open!

This is the gradation: "A gardener is a man who raises a few things; a farmer, a man who raises many things, and a middleman one who raises everything."

The present weather makes one feel that a fine part of the holiday season has been really missed. May it continue fair and cool for many days.

The Boston Globe finds that the interest in the presidential election is mostly intense among the candidates. Same over here. And in both countries the campaign is surely dry enough.

An election is the last thing any of the parties want just now. The leaders are camouflaging their real desires. An election will come after the census and redistribution. That's time enough.

What would your grandfather have thought of you had you told him hesitatingly in 1876 that in 1920 women would vote because they could and men wouldn't hunker-up because they couldn't?

Premier Drury wants to see community halls all over Ontario, a gathering and meeting place for the rural population. Good sized government grants are given to help on the profit. A library and a reading room are also desired in each hall.

The stoppage of work on the streets because of a shortage in revenue only means a bigger expenditure next year and also an increase of sickness, due to filth being blown about. The abominations are accumulating on the streets every day.

Sir Henry Drayton does not find the west so intensely opposed to protection as the newspapers and politicians would lead people to believe. The westerner knows that revenue must be secured some way and he is not opposed to protection of a type that will produce revenue and stimulate industry. If industry goes, so does agriculture.

The Hutterites, or German Lutherans, of Manitoba, have complied with the school law of the province and are sending their children to the public schools. The Manitoba Minister of Education learned from personal observation that the children were growing proficient in the use of the English language and the parents are well satisfied with the education the children are receiving.

CHINA'S SAD FLIGHT. While war has laid its heavy hand upon Europe, where millions of little children are parentless and homeless and where tens of thousands are doomed to perish for want of nourishment and protection from the cold, it is not to that continent alone that

suffering is confined today. It has spread to Asia, and the news despatches now tell us that 30,000,000 Chinese are suffering from famine, that one thousand deaths are occurring daily and that conditions are rapidly growing worse. One of the worst famines in the long history of Asia is now devastating China, due to a failure in crops and to the civil wars that have been going on for some years. In Shantung and adjoining provinces the crops upon which some 40,000,000 people depended for their food have been an almost total failure. An appeal has been made by Christian leaders resident in that country for outside aid, as local financial resources and transportation facilities are woefully inadequate to meet the requirements of the situation. True, the Chinese government is doing what it can, but the measure of its assistance is small compared with the great need that exists and which is day by day becoming more and more acute. Once more the Christian world is called upon to lend a helping hand. China's experience with a republican form of government has been so far anything but successful. Her people are not quick to adapt themselves to new and strange conditions. During the last nine years the new republic has had five presidents, three constitutions, three civil wars and one foreign war. At present the political outlook is a little brighter, and there is said to be a prospect of North and South China composing their differences and once more uniting.

a great Scotchman to say: "So much of what is great in Scotland has sprung from the closeness of her family ties. It is there that I sometimes fear that my country is being struck."

But Christian homes depend on Christian parents, and to shape by unconscious influence the spirit of the child the parents themselves must face life's disappointments, bear life's trials and accept life's joys in a confidential relationship which is eminently Christian. A man or woman who ignores the sanctities of religion, who scorns the means of grace, who would rather run an automobile or play golf on Sunday than have a care for the religious life of the children, who belittles the great traditions handed down by noble men, can scarcely foster in children a living faith in a living God. If life is to be tolerable for the next generation it must be strengthened, directed and gently controlled by those into whose hands God has put the inestimable joy and duty of parenthood. In Canada we have the great advantage that the Christian home is still with us. We must ask ourselves whether it is desirable that it should be maintained and strengthened, and if so whether we are prepared to make the necessary effort to give it a commanding place in the community's life.

MUSINGS OF THE KHAN

Too Much of a Good Thing. Some years ago I wrote a few little verses entitled, "Kiss Her Every Day," of which some of my friends were good enough to speak kindly. I preached the evangel of love and that kind of love was the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, if I may be permitted to borrow an exquisite sentiment from the Book of Common Prayer. It was about the time when our sisters were beginning to widen their sphere of activity and, incidentally, shorten their skirts. You remember that during the war we used to have a map of the western front on the parlor table with little flags stuck along it to mark the then existing front. You recall how humbling it was to have to shift them flags an inch or two every morning into sacred territory as the Hun host rolled inexorably down on our devoted troops. When I saw the skirts shrink another quarter of an inch I felt just like that!

The appeal for unity. When I first read the Lambeth Appeal, surprise filled my mind, but on a second and a third reading gladness and hopefulness overcame all other feelings. This Appeal may yet become the best thing in modern church history, and some immediate response, similar in spirit, and as universal in its political conception, must be made by the churches to which it is addressed. Like the measured orderliness of the Appeal, and its aversion to haste; and what is new in such documents is its generous recognition of spiritual reality in the various ministries of other churches.

Anti-League Feeling Really Anti-Wilson. In this talk about Wilson's League, and a one-man League, nothing is said about Cecil, Lloyd George, or Smuts; nothing about ratification by the British parliament, the French parliament, the Italian parliament; nothing about the membership accepted by twenty-nine nations, some of them placed in as hazardous positions as Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark, all of them free parliamentary countries, and yet not one standing off and wailing about responsibilities as our huge country does, protected by three thousand miles of sea. No, there is nothing of all this. What is exploited is merely the hatred of one man whose fate it has been to lead through more than seven years of infinite complexity; and that hate is perhaps not less bitter than was shown against Lincoln in the summer of 1864.

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FORWARD MOVEMENT AGAIN. The conferences being held all over the Dominion by the leaders of the various churches indicate in very significant fashion the conviction that the least part of the Forward Movement was the raising of a peace offering of almost fifteen million dollars among the Protestant communities of Canada. Scarcely a reference has been made at any of the meetings to the money that has been subscribed. The emphasis has rather been placed on the world condition and the part the churches have to play. Their present position is being eagerly canvassed. They are described as "all dressed up and no where to go"—or rather as not being quite sure what direction to take. Eminent journalists, like the editor of the Manchester Guardian, judges of juvenile courts and great publicists like W. H. Taft are convinced that the hope of the world lies in religion and that at bottom every problem, social and economic, is a religious problem. The churches have therefore made no mistake in turning their attention to the Christian home as the place where disintegration begins and from which any hope of improvement must emanate. There is a feeling that the Christian home is being threatened. A pamphlet is before us which reads in this fashion. The new economic conditions which smother many a soul in wealth and starve others in poverty, the mad rush for intoxicating pleasures outside the home, the divorce menace, the congested centres of population with their tenements and boarding houses, much literature which is destructive of the finest home ideals, the extreme individualism of the age which often breeds a narrow selfishness, causes

put himself in the same class with Jack the Hugger, with the result that a happy home was broken up. And I know that malicious people will be unkind enough to say it was my verses did it. And the Lord, He knows I done it fer the best!

THE KHAN. The Wigwam, Rushdale Farm, Rockton, Ont.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

PERIL. I fear to cross the village street, where all the autos wind and mix, for I am shaky on my feet, and can't do acrobatic tricks. I tried this morning, just for luck, to dodge across to Johnson's store, and I got tangled with a truck, and broke three ribs, or maybe more. By modern ways I'm badly bored; I cannot ramble near or far, but some one climbs me with a Ford, or Maul this when horses drew the vehicles in which men rode, a man could walk a verst or two, and have no scald wounds to be sewed. Then one could cross the public way, according to his sane desires, and not to be squashed beneath a dray, or wound around some rubber tyre. You laugh to scorn the old time ways, the horses and their sluggish fame; but trade went on in those brave days. And sports got there just the same. Light in driving Dexters, or Maul S, as speeders in their autos bright, who fill the country with distress. I'd like to cross the village street, to have a haircut and shampoo, but I'm no longer blithe and fleet, I can't out-jump a kangaroo. —WALT MASON.

PUBLIC OPINION

Or Only One. (Banford Expositor) The delicious bivalve is with us once more, which is a reminder that when you ask for an oyster stew you are apt to be served with oysters two.

To Do the Determining. (Cleveland Plaindealer) There is fine morality and unselfishness in the doctrine of self-determination by small nations under the protection and guidance of friendly great powers. But there is also an intimation of inferiority which goes against the pride of the beneficiary nations. They would much prefer to do their determining without aid or advice. This is what Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania propose to do. They are strong for self-determination; and they have formed an alliance in order to make themselves strong enough to do the determining in their own way.

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