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Signs and movements are multiplying so rapidly that the mind is dazed by it all, and the specifications of all things real are so easily lost, that we can scarcely get a focus of things as they are. That events are mobilizing no one can doubt, be he a believer, an agnostic or an infidel. But to justly interpret the signs of the times requires both a knowledge of God, and of His Word. We have had over three thousand years of war; scarcely a generation but that war has been waged in some part of the earth. Human history has been befogged by "Wars and rumors of wars." But at no time have the wars been global. The First World War approached it, but only in this present conflict could it be classed a global war. Every nation on the earth today is involved directly or indirectly.

Let us make a brief survey of the proposition: United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Japan, China, Russia and Spain—eight of the world's greatest nations in mortal combat or have been. In this line up over one billion of the earth's population is directly at War. All the small nations lying contiguous to these countries except the United States have suffered all the horrors of war. Nations of the Western Hemisphere have declared war on our enemies. In all this we see the fulfillment of this prophecy that "The Nations were angry."

This is literally true of the following: Russia is angry, and has cause to be; China, who for eleven years has suffered from the iron heel of Japan, is angry; Japan, with her scattered, cruel empire, is in turmoil and full of hate as they see their empire dreams crumbling. Both Japan and Germany, in their proud conceit, hate everything that is now standing in the pathway of their glory. Her millions are humiliated to the dust and with it hate.

All the European small nations are angry: Poland, Belgium, Holland, Greece, and Yugoslavia are torn by the grimness of war. India is a seething cauldron, hating England; Turkey is now in a serious situation with Russia over the water route to the Mediterranean Sea: The nations are truly angry. Millions have died a wasted sacrifice; the accumulated skill and labors of centuries—cathedrals, and all the expressions of architectural glory are lying in rubble. Deception and intrigue are burrowing like the Bubonic rats into the vitals of human faith. Greed, hate and intemperance go on regardless of the tragedy of the world's blood-shed. We know our resources are equal to almost all the world combined, but if we take our place in the world's reconstruction, we will have to get into sackcloth and ashes for our sins, and rededicate ourselves to God. Will we do it? Our people have much local cause for anger. Here is the crux of our own situation.

The Big San Francisco Conference and the meeting of the "Big Three" could only deal with international questions; but in all this troubled world there is trouble of a local nature not related to those of other places. Poland's troubles are not related with the Turkish, or the Indian trouble not related to Spain.

We hear that "Coming events cast their shadows before them." Then what is the meaning of all this world confusion and disorder? The forces are mobilizing-there surely is a coming climax. Shall we see the dissolution of twenty centuries of civilization? Or will there be some human organization of Brotherhood? Such could only be possible after the regeneration of society—that is not possible except a Gospel of Bible Salvation be proclaimed from the house-tops as it were, and cannot be done by any humanitarian uplift or educational process. Such are the aims of the Modernistic Social Gospel to bring about all this world redemption by the brain of man and that is now being sounded out from pulpit and press.

Yes, there are many long shadows on the horizon—dark and ominous—like the shadows of sunset reaching out toward the night. Shadows of international and national scope, touching all nations, tongues and kindreds.

First we mention the shadows of distrust. No one seems to trust anyone else. Small nations distrust the larger ones. What will clear away this shadow of distrust? We cannot get very far with international understanding so long as the world landscape is over-hung with the shadows of distrust.

Then there is the very dark shadow of hunger and want hanging over the world. Never were so many people actually hungry—both enemies and friends are in this human drama. Millions face a shortage of food. Then there is the problem of distribution and transportation. In all of this, human greed seeks to fatten on the world's misfortune. Some are in worse condition than others, but hunger knows no rules—it drives to desperation; it cuts across all the veneer of cultured civilization. Preachments will fall on deaf ears when hunger gnaws at the vitals. The world is hungry.

Still another shadow is that of hate growing out of suffering. Such hate demands vengeance and retaliation.

In the face of all this, some of our statesmen and politicians are selfish enough to sell out their country for their own gains. What great climax lies ahead of us? When all the currents and cross currents are mobilized, what shall it mean? When shall be the final outcome to a world filled with anger?

We know that God still lives and reigns in His universe. In a great watch factory there is a gigantic clock that is timed and controlled by the heavenly bodies. Through all the years this clock has not been off a split second. So God can still govern His world, the one which He has redeemed by the sacred Blood of His own son. We believe that the coming events casting their shadows ahead portend the soon coming of One who will not depend on Peace Conferences, Parliament, Armies, Navies, or educational programs but with the brightness of His coming He will sweep away all the shadows.—Midnight Cry.

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THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Methodist Church of the U. S. A., largest Protestant denomination, has launched a "Crusade for Christ," a spiritual life movement designed to the quickening of the spiritual tempo of the churches and the salvation of America's unregenerate. May this effort develop into a real spiritual awakening!

Dr. Iva Vennard, Founder and President of Chicago Evangelistic Institute, went to her reward Sept. 12th. Dr. Vennard has been prominent in the work of the Holiness Movement in America for many years, in the capacity of president of C. E. I., and also in association with the work of the National Holiness Association and National Holiness Missionary Society, being one of the founders of the latter organization.

Nazarene Theological Seminary, newly established institution of the Church of the Nazarene, headed by Dr. Hugh Benner, has an inaugural enrollment of sixty students. We join with Nazarene friends in praying for the success of this enterprise.

The Sudan Interior Mission, aggressive organization for the evangelization of the heathen, is opening a broadcasting station at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in the near future. Known as "The Voice of Africa," this radio station will be used to broadcast the Gospel in many languages to Africa's needy.

The "Youth for Christ" Movement, a spiritual offensive in behalf of the salvation and spiritual guidance of our nations' young people, is coming into being in the Maritime Provinces. Regular Saturday night meetings are being held in Halifax and Amherst, N. S., and in Moncton, N. B. In the latter city the meetings are drawing an average attendance of over 1,000, mostly young people.

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