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Regina Leader: "The people of the West have every reason to organize to the limit and rise in their might in opposition to Robert Rogers. He has been the worst enemy of Canada, and more particularly of Western Canada, that ever secured a place of influence and power in the public life of this country. Looking over the years that he occupied a position in the government of Manitoba, the people of that province can today partly realize what his ascendancy there meant to them and how the whole political life of that Province was lowered to a plane which made Manitoba a by-word among the provinces. The people there, by painful experience of their own financial problems, know of the results of his reckless administration."

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

The Christmas message of "Peace on earth" and its benediction of "goodwill toward men," comes to us as we close a long war unparalleled in brutality and destructiveness. It is a war that has taught many lessons, not the least of which has been a higher appreciation of the Prince of Peace. His name emerges from the awful conflict with added glory and reverence; time has vindicated anew the enduring and conquering spirit and message of the Man of Nazareth; once again it may be said, "Thou hast conquered, oh, Gallilean." The real meaning of this war is found in the struggle between pagan and Christian ideals for dominion in our world civilization, and once more the pagan principles of self-assertion and the right of might have given place to the Christian ideals of sacrifice and the achievement of righteousness.

It is not too soon to say that the logical outcome of the war is the establishment of the belief that a just social order must be founded upon the moral and spiritual principles of the Christian religion. It is only thus that an enduring world civilization can be developed and an abiding world peace can be secured. The war has vindicated Christ's faith in the worth and rights of the individual, in the solidarity and brotherhood of humanity, in the primacy of spiritual ideals over material force, in the imperative of duty and the spirit of self-sacrifice.

Even the great names that will live in history as the heroes of the war are those of men who have expressed and championed the conceptions of liberty, justice and of social order, that are essentially Christian, while great empires that seemed as enduring as the eternal hills, have crumbled to pieces because they were established upon tyranny and injustice, and from their ruins are arising new nations of free people, conceived in liberty and dedicated to democracy. In the eternal judgments of war, wickedness has proved itself weakness once more, and righteousness its everlasting power. This war has furnished a moving demonstration of the moral and spiritual character of civilization, and this is its immeasurable contribution to religious faith.

But it is not its total contribution, for the Christian doctrines of sin, of righteousness and of atonement, have been transformed and quickened into veritable realities, or rather our regenerated moral nature has been enabled to apprehend their real significance. Living as we were in ease and comfort amid the refinements and veneer of civilization, without a challenge to our faith, it is little wonder that we came to lack spiritual insight and keen moral discernment. But in our hatred and utter abhorrence of the evil designs of the enemy, we have realized anew the hideousness and deadly nature of sin. In the brutality and destructiveness of the enemy's forces, and in our own suffering and enormous sacrifices to defeat his evil purpose, there has been born in our souls a realization of the wretchedness and misery which sin produces and of its tenacious hold upon the baser nature of men.

In like manner we have had a new

vision of the glory of righteousness, and have felt its imperative and authoritative dominion over our higher spiritual life. We know today the worth of moral purpose, the meaning of devotion to duty, the nobility of self-sacrifice, the grandeur of a life of service, and those other elements in the heroic soul that arise in consecration to a righteous purpose, and we measure as it were the worth of righteousness by its transforming power in our hearts; by the enduring, suffering, and sacrifices we have undergone for its attainment.

Are we to see in the earnest effort that is being made to establish a league of nations for the protection of the world's peace a step toward the realization of the Christian conception of the Kingdom of God? For in the teaching of Jesus nations are members of the great brotherhood of man and the principles of justice, liberty and truth, transcend all barriers of nationality and caste and are universal in their application. Is it for this ideal that brave men have bled and died? For is not this what it means to establish a social order for a world civilization, to make the world safe for democracy, to guarantee justice and freedom and truth for all mankind? If this be true, then one more Christian ideal has captured the hearts of men, and the dreamer of Galilee has inspired the statesmen of the world and has laid for them the basis upon which the world's peace must be reconstructed.

The task before us is to live up to the faith within us and to be true to the vision of our noblest moments. It would be well for us to turn our keener moral perceptions upon our own social order. If we find sin in our own hearts and institutions so hideous and abhorrent as we have found it in our enemy, we can have confidence in our own genuineness and integrity. We are making every effort to reconstruct our commercial and economic organization for the changes of peace, but are we taking stock of our spiritual assets, and are we giving ourselves with renewed courage to the achievement of a nation in which religious values and ideals are fundamental.

If the new age is to be worthy of us, it demands consecration to these religious ideals, unflinching loyalty to the message and spirit of Christ, and are we quite sure that our hearts are worthy to be the hearts of conquerors? We have a right to expect contrition, repentance and "fruits meet for repentance" from our enemy before we can renew fellowship with him, or restore our confidence and co-operation. But there should be in us no spirit of vindictiveness or no desire for extermination, and we should be more anxious for his repentance than for the restitution which is the fruit thereof. The time has come for us to be humble and contrite in heart, to be thoroughly consecrated to those great ideals by which we measure the wrongdoing of the enemy.

We should desire above all things a peace based upon principles of truth and righteousness that will commend themselves for all time to the consciences of mankind, and as such will form the sure basis of a permanent peace, and the foundation of a nobler and higher civilization.

NO CHRISTMAS PARTIES

F'ton, 23rd, Dec. 1918.

Dear Mr. Editor:

How long is this Selective Health Ban to continue? Is it possible that the Local Board of Health really has power to tie things up in such a manner? It is well to note that two of these men are Merchants, druggists, in fact licensed dispensers of "the ardent". Has this anything to do with the Board's permitting Stores to remain open? Evidently some citizens do not insist upon "Equal Rights for All and Special Privileges to None".

Rather a dull Christmas, don't you think, with even private gatherings banned? Really, sir, I think our inconsistent Board ought to close the hotels, the laundries, the post-office (particularly the stamp department), and all shops; or else, they should open schools, theatres, etc. "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander". Wishing you the season's compliments,

Yours very truly,
S. L. EKTIVE.

Receiving Presents at Hospital

The citizens of Fredericton are uniting in sending presents and other articles of use to the patients at the N. B. Military Hospital. The patients are to have their Christmas stockings supplied by the Red Cross and by the citizens. On New Year's Day a Christmas tree will be decorated for the patients.

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THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Peace on earth—

Goodwill to men! How about it?

The night behind Christmas!

If you ask us this is the shortest day of the year.

Since "made in Germany" goods have been banned there are not so many substitutes for Christmas gifts.

The ex-Kaiser bravely declines to abandon the sorely tried Dutch people.

Imagination is responsible for half of our troubles—and our fool actions are responsible for the rest.

The man who thinks he knows it all usually marries a woman who can teach him a lot more.

After studying the egg column on the market page the hen does the goose-step in the barnyard.

Germany may eventually decide which of the fifty-seven varieties of socialism it wants.

Farms for our soldiers by all means—but how about wives who will consent to live on farms? There's the rub. Woman is a gregarious animal.

Tether a man and he'll pull like mad at the rope; cut him loose and he'll immediately come around and proceed to tie another knot in it.

It would take all the joy out of a girl's life if she could know how soon the hearts she has broken had sprung right back into working condition.

If there were only one man and two women in all the world, the man would marry one of them because she was "so different" from the other, and then flirt with the other for the same reason.

Going Strong

The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal is having the best year in its history. The subscriptions for the months of November exceeded by almost 200 per cent the same month of any previous year. December will also be a record-breaker. The Family Herald Publishers are perfecting plans for elaborate improvements. The public should not confuse that great weekly with a small daily paper of somewhat similar name now in liquidation. There is no fear of such a thing happening with the Family Herald. The word "Family" should not be omitted in the address of that paper. We are informed that their offer of a War Album free to all who subscribe still remains good, but the demand is so great that it may have to be withdrawn soon. The Family Herald is big value and the Album is most attractive, so it is no wonder they are securing thousands of new subscribers.

Home For Christmas

Among those who were discharged from the District Depot on Saturday was Saddler F. K. P. McKenzie of Centreville who is well known here. Saddler McKenzie went overseas with the 36th Battery in February 1916, going to France with that battery. He left for Centreville to spend his Christmas at home.

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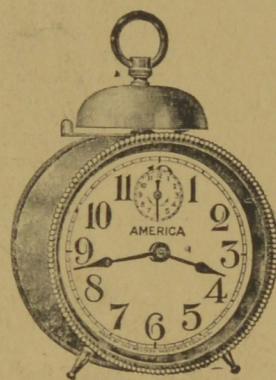
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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