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**PEACE DAY.**

The 18th of May is the anniversary of the opening of the first Hague peace congress, and on the Sunday nearest to that date the event is generally commemorated among the friends of international peace and arbitration. It is customary to hold peace services on that occasion, and to pass resolutions expressive of the humane spirit that was embodied in the Hague congress.

Sunday, the 17th of May, will be observed in Utah as peace day, if the suggestions of his Excellency, Governor Cutler, are acted upon. A year ago the Governor was requested, by a mass meeting held in the Tabernacle, to appoint a committee to draft a constitution for a permanent peace society in this State. The committee has completed the work assigned to it, and if the plan proposed is adopted and the people will support it, Utah will soon have a peace organization which will be affiliated with the national American peace society. A meeting, to which all are cordially invited, will be held in the First Congregational church on the date mentioned, at four o'clock p. m., on which occasion the suggestions and propositions of the committee will be made public.

Governor Cutler also suggests that a sermon, or lecture, on peace be delivered in every place of worship in the State on that day. We hope that this excellent suggestion be carried out as far as possible. If there is any subject upon which general information is needed, it is this. A gigantic struggle is on, even now, between brute force on one side and reason on the other. Some regard the victory as uncertain. They talk of the victory for peace as a dream, and even an "ugly dream," to use the expression of Von Moltke, the old war horse. But nothing is more certain than the ultimate triumph of reason.

Utah is to be congratulated on having a Chief Executive who is willing to take a lead in the advance of the peace forces of the country, as well as in everything that pertains to the welfare of the State. On the peace platform all can meet—all whose personal interests do not point in another direction.

**THESE ARGUMENTS.**

The Mayor, on behalf of the party dictators, asks the City to borrow \$600,000 for the benefit of the party.

One of the arguments advanced is that the finances of the City are now in such a shape as to necessitate either an increase of the tax levy, or a loan. But, is that argument honest? It has been shown conclusively that money borrowed now cannot legally be used to wipe out the large deficit of last year, which is believed to exist, though the dictators have refused to permit the auditor to publish the truth as the law requires. Furthermore, if \$600,000, or any other sum, is borrowed, the taxes will be increased to pay the interest on that money. There is a recent precedent for this. Last year a tax levy was made for interest on bonds, though, when that issue was voted, the City was almost pledged not to increase the rate on that account, because the increased use of water would furnish the revenue necessary to pay the interest on the bonds. That pledge was broken last year. The program now is first to induce the citizens to vote for bonds to avoid a further increase in the taxes, and then to increase the taxes as a necessary consequence of the bond issue. Is that honesty?

Another argument is that money is needed for "improvements." Is that argument honest? If the history of the present party manipulation is considered, the conclusion is inevitable that the "improvement" part is less important than the opportunity of handling money for party purposes. But why should the citizens be taxed for such purposes? Besides, some of the improvements suggested in the plea for more money ought to have been attended to long ago and paid for by money already borrowed. Why has that not been done? In view of the many broken promises, what guarantee is there that money borrowed will be used for the purposes suggested? None whatever. The administration cannot expect to have the confidence of the citizens as long as it is dominated by dictators who have proved themselves utterly unworthy of public confidence.

But it is also suggested that, unless money is borrowed, we cannot be prepared for the incoming influx of people that we are expecting. Is that meant for satire? Can we really look for an immense increase of our population as a result of an enormous debt? Suppose that we issue a cordial invitation to home-seekers to come and make their homes here. What are your arguments? Well, in addition to our climate and mountain scenery and lakes we have a debt amounting to four million dollars, which rests as a lien upon the homes you may build here, and this indebtedness we are about to increase with another \$600,000, and this can be still further increased. We have a tax rate that compels home-owners to sell out and remove to the suburbs, and then they enjoy all the blessings of the suburban car-service. So come, and live with us, and help us maintain in power a party of tax-eaters. Would not home-seekers be attracted by such a picture? But that is virtually the situation.

If we expect to see the City increase, we must have an honest business administration that knows how to make both ends meet; how to make the burdens lighter and not heavier. Home-seekers do not locate where people are taxed to death to maintain grafters in remunerative positions. They do not locate where rotten politics pollutes the atmosphere. The City's growth cannot be stopped altogether; such are its natural advantages and the hospitality of the majority of the citizens; but the party parasites that have fastened themselves upon it have retarded the progress beyond calculation. And the proposition to increase the tax burdens in the interest of party politics will still further prevent the rapid progress to which the City is entitled.

**A POOR SOLUTION.**

We remarked a few days ago that college faculties have not frequently disclosed much ability in dealing with offending students. The latest reports from Stanford seem to be a new evidence of this lack of aptitude on the part of the professors in handling students in way of discipline.

The faculty there has expelled a number of the students. Their offense no doubt merited expulsion, but the fact is that this particular penalty does not meet the issue.

It is said that the students were riotous, and that some of them had been drinking. Our idea is that they should therefore have been dealt with by the civil magistrate, and either reprimanded, fined, or imprisoned, as their offense merited.

As it is, they have been denied the opportunity of going on with their education; and that, we maintain, is an injury out of all proportion to the usual offenses of a crowd of hilarious students.

The country does not maintain universities, neither do people endow institutions of learning, in order to deprive young men of the chance to get an education. If Stanford University were so full of students that it must reject some, then expulsion or some other process of weeding out the less desirable elements might be resorted to without loss to the country; but we are free to say once more that expulsion is the last action that ought to be taken.

The Republic cannot afford to have some of its brightest young fellows sacrificed in this way. There must be other means of punishment. As we expected, the expelled students are already posing as martyrs, and no doubt, they have the sympathy of most of their fellow students.

We suppose, of course, that the students are in the wrong in this matter. The point we make is that our educators have not yet discovered how to treat the condition presented in the pranks of students.

The last issue of the student paper at Stanford shows the attitude of many and perhaps most of the students over the expulsion of their comrades.

In the dedication of the "Sequoia" to the dismissed students, the following language is used:

"To the students of Stanford who were forced out of this university unjustly, we extend our sympathy. To those men whose characters were assailed by some members of the faculty, we extend our sympathy. Our admiration goes out to the men who can fight, who can see justice thwarted in an American college and still have faith in the ultimate victory of justice; and our admiration goes out to the men who made a manly apology for a trivial offense, and who were discriminated against in the final reckoning; who did not defy college authority, but who joined in a protest against the most narrow-minded and unfair student affairs committee that was ever inflicted upon an American university. To all these men the Stanford 'Sequoia' is affectionately dedicated."

In an editorial entitled "A Want of Confidence," the investigation conducted by the student affairs committee, and resulting in the dismissal of a large number of the students who took part in the memorable parade, was reviewed, and in conclusion it was advised that a stubborn fight against the action of the committee be continued to the end.

Altogether, the avoidance of the real problem involved, by the short and easy method of expelling the students, is not a solution. It means only that the faculty cannot solve the problem, which must therefore be regarded as incapable of solution—a result that the people are not inclined to accept.

**NEXT STEP IN EVOLUTION.**

We have received the new edition of a little book called "The Next Step in Evolution," by Dr. T. R. Funk. It is a book that should be read by all who have any interest in matters spiritual. The author shows that the "coming of Christ" really means a new step in evolution. It involves, he says, a new birth, a new creation, a new kingdom. It means a new step in the evolution of man. As man has stepped from the mineral kingdom to the vegetable kingdom, and from the vegetable kingdom to the animal kingdom, and from the animal kingdom to the kingdom of the natural man, so he steps from the kingdom of the natural man to the kingdom of the spiritual man, every portion of this step a natural process subject to critical scientific analysis. If that analysis goes deep enough, wide enough, far enough, it is the continuance of evolution without a break, without a leap, lifting the race by a new birth through Christ, the type-life, up to the plane of spiritual being and knowing. This "coming," he holds, is near at hand. "The kingdom of the psychic nature of man—the kingdom of light, love, conscience, true spirituality, of the clear recognition of Christ and the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—the next step in evolution; the present step is at hand." "Christ's hand is on the latch of the world's door."

This is the general tenor of the little book. But to give an adequate idea of the wealth of thought that is stored up in it, or of the number of sparkling literary gems that adorn its pages is not possible in a brief review. It is a wonderfully clear and simple exposition of a fundamental doctrine of Christianity.

We could have wished that the author would have given more space to the literal advent of the Messiah. The parable promise to the disciples was: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven;" and this promise is to be fulfilled. The coming of Christ in the lifting-up of the world to His spiritual level is only a preparation for His appearance among the redeemed of the human race.

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The East Jordan canal am a hard road to travel.

Local option—Asking for a transfer at the time fare is paid.

To speed the parting guest—Take him away in a law-breaking automobile.

Why not have the proposed Roosevelt Way follow the Oregon Trail?

Admiral Evans would be glad to trade his crutches for a pair of good sea legs.

It costs \$200,000 to raise a society girl. It's cheaper to raise Cain than a society girl.

Rather strange that Black Hand letters should often be written in sympathetic ink.

The federal grand jury is trying to find out not who's who but who was in the great bank robbery.

Both the great national parties might make their platforms popular by putting in some plank shad.

From China Wu Ting Fang brings a message of peace on the Pacific and good will towards America.

The great battleship fleet will go around the world but its fame will never equal that of the little Victoria.

And now it is blandly asserted that prunes may become a luxury. And silk purses may be made of the sow's ears.

A New York paper announces a coming interview with Mr. Humphry Ward. Any relation to Mrs. Humphry Ward, the celebrated novelist?

"The strength of the nation is in the Missouri life," says Mr. Bryan. In other words, the strength of the nation is in hog and hominy.

The younger Sothorn can never make of Don Quixote what the elder Sothorn made of Lord Dunsinore. The Don is one of the great ideals of all time, and the realization of the ideal is impossible.

"I never saw such a chase; I am being hunted like a fox!" says Prince Fliche de Sagan. Then why doesn't he follow the example of the fox, which has a hole, and hide himself?

Captain Hobson says that war will begin between the United States and Japan within five years. And still the country positively refuses to become excited over the prospect of a predicted war.

Members of the A. P. in their address to the President and Congress concerning the Paper trust make it very plain that they regard that combination's statement as nothing but a tissue paper of falsehoods.

Engineers are quoted as saying that the Brooklyn bridge is stronger today than when it was built. If they have said it they have said a foolish thing. As well say that a mine is the richer for the ore that has been taken out of it.

**SHAKESPEARE AND A NATIONAL THEATER.**

Chicago Record-Herald.

The decision of the Shakespeare memorial committee to proceed with the plans for an architectural and sculptural monument has not silenced the opponents of the "pile project," as some contemptuously call it. The demand that they should hold their peace and regard that phase of the question as closed has only stirred up further and more violent dissent, as might have been anticipated. However, the controversy no longer turns on the mere monument idea. It is realized that the "world's tribute" will necessarily take the form of a statue. But what shall be done with the surplus? It is proposed to raise a million, and no monument, however magnificent, will cost that amount. How is Shakespeare to be further and more worthily honored? Many playwrights, actors, critics and men of letters are demanding that the surplus be used as a nucleus for a national theater. Indeed, the Shakespeare tribute movement has been seized upon as the most promising means of promoting the national theater idea, which had failed to enlist public sympathy on its own independent account.

**DEMAND FOR LABOR.**

San Francisco Chronicle.

The New York World declares that at the time when it was stated that there were 5,000 men unemployed the farms were "suffering and crying out for men," and that there was a demand for "unskilled labor at \$20 and \$25 a month and no supply." It says that "the drift to the city away from the farm has been the subject of warnings for a generation," which is a very conservative way of stating the fact that a conspicuous feature of all highly developed civilization is the power of the cities to draw the labor away from the soil.

**TIMBER FAMINE COMING.**

Springfield Republican.

A special committee reports to the British parliament that a timber famine is coming "with seven league boots," on account of the depletion of the forests in the United States. When he comes the whole civilized world will feel it, but our own country will feel the injury for countless generations. But there stands Chairman Jenkins trying to slaughter the forest reserve bills on the altar of the Constitution.

**JUST FOR FUN.**

Chollie's Awful Mistake.

Chollie—Wasn't it shocking about Chollie Worthington. He fell out of his own airship when it got stalled a half-mile up in the air!  
Lillie—How did he come to fall?  
Marie—He thought he was in his automobile and jumped out to push it back home!—The Bohemian.

**Premature.**

Husband (on overland train)—You mustn't mind it, Maria. I take several doses of spirits during the day,

from now on. It's the only thing that will cut this alkali dust that gets into one's throat.

Wife—You won't have to do it today, John. I've been making some inquiries, and I find we don't strike the alkali region for 500 miles yet.—Chicago Tribune.

**An Exception.**

"Oh, yes, Tommy," said the teacher. "If you have a dog you are the owner of a quadruped."

"No, I ain't," insisted Tommy. "Don't contradict me! I explained to you yesterday that any animal with four legs was a—"

"Yes; but Rover lost one o' h'n fightin' a trolley car."—Philadelphia Press.

**Dodging.**

"That fellow is a most remarkable runner."

"Who? Burroughs?"

"Yes. He's always running in debt, and he's forever running away from the people to whom he is in debt."—Philadelphia Press.

**The Provident Maid Servant.**

"Nora, didn't I tell you that I wanted a pitcher of ice water the very first thing in the morning?" asked Mrs. Gunson.

"Yes, mum, ye did," replied the new maid, "an' to make sure that ye'd get it th' first thing I left it in front of th' dure last night."—Brooklyn Life.

**Not Up to Reputation.**

"How did you like the west?"

"Disappointed. Wasn't once made to drink at the pistol point, and nobody shot at my toes to make me dance."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Reverse English.**

"Johnny, don't stuff yourself so. If you eat properly you'll live long."

"Nuthin' in that, paw. I'd rather eat long an' live properly."—Chicago Tribune.

**Probably Right.**

Wife (at the play)—That act was full of dry humor.

Husband (delighted)—I suppose that is why I am so thirsty. Excuse me a minute.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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