

The Wounded Shall Die

Great Britain seizes upon the day before Christmas to "suspend the issuance of permits for shipment of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey."

This is savagery, nothing less. It is as unworthy of any country calling itself civilized, as was the sinking of the Lusitania. Men are being wounded in the armies of those countries at the rate of 15,000 a day. The countries named are unable to obtain hospital supplies from ordinary sources at home or abroad.

But the absolute prohibition of the shipping of hospital supplies is a long step further in the direction of total demoralization. If Britain needed them herself, there would be some military justification, even for seizure of goods shipped from neutral countries through the Red Cross. But Britain makes no pretence that these supplies are needed by the allied troops.

In plain language, Britain says to the United States and to the world, We purpose that every German soldier wounded shall die unattended if we can bring that about; his wounds shall not be dressed, he shall have no alleviation for his pains; he must die without the most ordinary attention modern science is able to bestow.

Britain lifts her banners in the name of Christ.

Worthy Of Barbarians

Complaints continue to come to The Herald about the innumerable gatherings of men along the main business streets, especially in front of saloons, cigar stands, office buildings, and hotels. Not only do these groups block the passageways and sidewalks, but they are not careful about their habits.

Women especially, who have been shopping by thousands for the last two weeks, complain that these groups of loiterers use coarse language without regard to women and girls passing; sometimes the coarse language seems to be directed at the passers by, but more particularly the complaints are of the general character of the talk going round. Profane swearing and obscenity are by no means rare—indeed, increasingly common.

Because women are becoming familiar with this sort of thing through constant most undesirable contact on the streets, it must not be imagined that they are becoming calloused to it. The disgust is as great as ever, and it is a burning shame that the delicacy of women, young girls, and children must be assailed on every side in such ways. It is not civilized.

And there is altogether too much carelessness about spitting on sidewalks and on much used street corners and street car landings. At some points a woman cannot step off the curb into the street without stepping into filth contributed by dirty men.

There is a lot of work for the police patrolmen in the direction of controlling this growing evil. There are ordinances enough, but they are not being enforced.

In some cities, the difficulty is met, not by making indiscriminate arrests, but by passing around cards containing a brief statement of the offence, the law, and the penalty. Patrolmen, traffic officers, and street car employees are given packets of the cards, and they are instructed to hand them to offenders on every occasion.

El Paso's Christmas Spirit

El Paso may or may not be, in this, typical of the whole southwest, but certain it is that this city has never felt so strongly as this year, the sweet influences of the spirit of Christmas. In myriad ways it is exemplified. People have given with fine generosity to this, that, and the other worthy object. They have participated enthusiastically in various public and semipublic undertakings. They have engaged in multiplied charities with sincere interest. They have voluntarily come forward with plans to help. They have decorated their homes and places of business as never before.

They have prepared elaborate Christmas musical programs and other entertainments for good purposes. They have contributed interesting and thoughtful opinions and verses to the press. They have sought out needy families in private, to help in quiet, unostentatious ways, for no reward except the simple satisfaction of a good deed performed.

And they have bought gifts in the stores with a lavish liberality never before approached. From the stores carrying only goods of the more expensive and exclusive kinds, clear down to the little shops serving the poorer groups of the population, there has been unprecedented activity for many weeks. Christmas business has broken all records of the past.

It is good to have the people stir themselves up this way every once in a while. It could not be sustained, but the Christmas spirit really does carry over a long way into the new year. Everybody is somehow softened and given the privilege of getting in closer touch with his fellows.

Oregon, a Man Of Reserve

Gen. Obregon has made a most excellent impression upon those El Pasoans who have met him personally. He appears to be a man of a good deal of force, though quiet in his demeanor and essentially conservative in action. There is absolutely nothing of the blusterer or braggart about him. Nor does he talk over much of his patriotism, courage, or loyalty. He is plain spoken, uses simple words and forms of language, uses gesture sparingly, and bears himself like a capable military man.

The few writings to which he has signed his name since the Mexican revolution began are marked by a simple straightforwardness and a tone of sincerity that are in strong contrast to the great majority of Mexican "manifestos." Reading his published statements, one is impressed by his reserve and his apparent attempt to avoid over-coloring. His ideas of Mexican possibilities in governmental reforms are not so radical as those of many of the revolutionary leaders, and he seems to be willing to work slowly through a practical program, rather than try to destroy everything that is, with wild ideas of general reconstruction all at once.

In such intimations as he has given of his plan for the future on the border and in the north of Mexico, Gen. Obregon conveys the impression that he will take no step without careful reconsideration. He must know in advance what the results of his movements are likely to be. He is not a smasher, neither does he hang back unduly when circumstances call for action.

El Paso feels that it is certain to make for better things on this border if Gen. Obregon remains here until things are settled somewhat. He is of the type that inspires a considerable degree of confidence. He is neither a highwayman, a braggart, or an anarchist, but a remarkably simple sort of man to whom circumstances have brought unusual power. He believes in safeguarding property rights while seeking to correct property abuses.

Short Snatches From Everywhere.

We suppose the Ford critics never spent any of their money foolishly.—Columbia State.

Gen. von Hisinger has been made a doctor of laws, probably military laws.—Philadelphia Record.

Will our house and senate be known as the sixty-fourth or the safety-first congress?—Brooklyn Eagle.

France forbids the export of nuts. We show a welcome disposition to encourage it.—Wall Street Journal.

After scanning the names of the Peace Voyagers we advise Europe to put up its windshield.—New York Mail.

The reason for Woodrow Wilson's success is now disclosed: He was once a managing editor.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

The ease with which European nations dispose of cabinet ministers must excite the envy of every American.—New York Tribune.

With sugar 10 cents a pound, it will not be any easier for Roosevelt to get that third cup of coffee.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

The San Francisco fair closed with a surplus which is more than some of those who visited it had when they got back home.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Let us hope that when they settle the war and return to New York they will be able to pass the mental tests usually required at Ellis Island.—Boston Transcript.

Well, maybe there isn't anything suspicious about a powder factory blowing up, but how about that asbestos factory that burned down the other day?—Boston Transcript.

Germany is soon to float another war loan, this one for \$2,500,000,000. Her chemists must have learned how to make synthetic money as well as synthetic food.—New York Tribune.

We are told that most of Boston's Thanksgiving turkeys came from Texas. How long will Texas consent to permit people living in Republican states to eat her turkeys?—Houston Post.

There are more than 250,000 corporations in this country. According to figures compiled by the federal trade commission, of which more than 100,000 have no income whatever. Those must be the good corporations.—New York Tribune.

Christmas Trade Is Double That of 1914 If Playground Fund Is Not In Budget, Drop It

OUR Christmas trade has almost doubled over this time last year," said Maurice Schwartz, general manager of The Popular department store. "It has been the best Christmas in the history of this store and we could have done as much again had we had sufficient room to display our goods and handle the crowds. Everyone shopped early, bought good presents and did not do so much seventh hour shopping as in the past. As the result, they have obtained more satisfaction in their holiday shopping, have relieved the shop girls of the awful crush of the last day and have made for El Paso the best present of all, a prosperous ending for a most prosperous year. There is one thing upon which both my wife and I are agreed upon and that is that we must have our new store before the next holiday rush. To do this we are planning to start work soon after the first of the year and will work them in three shifts of eight hours each in order to have the building completed all of the chances made and our new, big store ready before next Christmas week."

and past masters make up the grand lodge."

"For generations in Scotland the people of Ayr have been fighting a smoke nuisance that has arisen from a soap manufactory that has been erected outside of the city," said J. S. Getting. "It is largely due to the wind that the trouble arises and for generations there have been complaints. I have never heard in Scotland of the closing down of an industry of this character because it was offensive. The legal battles to adjust these matters in Scotland last for many generations, but when a decision comes it is binding for all time."

"If conditions in Mexico ever become settled enough for general traveling again no one should miss a visit to the cathedral in Mexico City," said Mrs. S. H. Sutherland. "The cathedral in

itself is one of unusual beauty and in the choir there are a number of volumes of the masses which were printed by hand and illumined by the monks in the 12th and 13th century that are beautiful and interesting."

IS GEN. OREGON VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW HERE?

"Oficina de Gen. Obregon" reads the register at the Hotel Paso del Norte, where Carranza's famous general is staying. This was written on the register Wednesday night after the arrival of Gen. Obregon from Sonora. According to local authorities this is violation of international law as a military commander of one country is not permitted to maintain headquarters in another.

The people of Brazil are either rich or poor, there being no middle class.

The Giving of Alms

BY AL. O. YSIUS.

I stood on the corner waiting for the street car. A man, thin and shabby, asked me for a dime to buy a meal. I had only a silver half dollar in my pocket. I handed him the half dollar and started to walk home.

Another man, passing by, heard and saw it all. He remarked: "You are easy; that fellow is a dope fiend."

Stung, I thought, and then I remembered. "Every one as has bath determined in his heart, not with sadness, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver," and I asked the man: "Do not dope fiends get hungry?" Suddenly I heard within me a tiny whisper: "The prayer of the alms giver pleases the ear of God," and I prayed: "Lord, have mercy on this outcast's soul!"

When my wife opened the door, she said: "See, you look good to me! What have you been doing to yourself? Should I have given that half dollar?"

The white population of Alaska is estimated at 29,000.

Smile Is Lighting System of the Human Face It Is the Cheapest Illuminant in the World

By GEORGE FITCH.

THE smile is the lighting system of the human face. It is the cheapest illuminant in the world, not excepting sunshine, for it doesn't cost you anything and it may even make your everlasting fortune.

It is very easy to smile. A mere child can do it. All you have to do is to pull the corners of your mouth outward and upward a trifle. If you can add to this a twinkle and a dimple and a flash of white—homogeneous teeth—the combination will be more valuable to you than a college diploma or a rich grandfather.

With a smile of this sort a man can go out and get votes, credit, business, friends and forgiveness for forty kinds of faults, including blamy. With the same kind of smile, a young woman who hasn't anything else to her name, not even good grammar, can go out

and win a happy home, decorated with a husband who will pay as much as \$10,000 a year to keep his wife's smile in good running order.

A smile can make a dazzling bright streak twelve hours long through the darkest day. It can put the lid on an argument full of vinegar and flats, and can put flavor into a soggy, clammy meal at the end of a long, hard ride

home on a strap. Some churches pay \$10,000 a year to their ministers and collect inches of dust in their back seats, while other churches distribute a few smiles to strangers at the end of the service and have to start a building campaign every other year.

However, smiles, like other good things, are being abused. Some smiles are not worth looking at, because they are only false deep. The blackest hearted villain who ever lived can backbite on a winning smile and make friends, while he is robbing an orphan asylum. Beware, also, of the smooth sleek man with the built-in smile who hovers around you as friendly as a hot-water radiator, while he is laying plans to get hold of your business on a judgment note, and boot you out seven minutes after it has been done.

The smile is thus one of our greatest prevaricators. Some people list with statistics, some with cosmetics and some with pleasant smiles. When you step on a woman's gown at a party, and she smiles sweetly at you, don't believe it; and when a candidate for office leans up against you with a million candle power facial display and tells you that you are eminently fitted for a fine appointive office, tell him you will take a rain check for the smile until after election, when she meter rates for friendliness go up one thousand per cent.

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BODY OF MAN KILLED BY VILLA BULLETS SHIPPED

The remains of George A. Dipert, the Southwestern railroad car inspector who was killed by Mexican bullets Tuesday, have been returned to Chickasha, Okla., for burial.

The body was accompanied by Mrs. Dipert and her daughter. The funeral party left Thursday evening.

B. F. FARRAR IS APPOINTED TIN MINE RECEIVER

B. F. Farrar was appointed receiver for the El Paso Tin Mining & Smelting company by Judge P. R. Price in that district court Friday morning on the application of the State National bank.

Suit was recently filed against the mining company by the bank for the collection of notes aggregating nearly \$15,000 and for a receivership.

GEN. PERSHING THANKS CHAMBER FOR AID IN ARMY TOURNAMENT

Gen. John L. Pershing has sent a letter of thanks to the chamber of commerce in appreciation of the cooperation of that body in arranging for the military tournament which was given by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce during Liberty Bell week.

SUES CEMENT PLANT FOR \$2000 GETS \$2000

The jury in the case of Barney Presbytero, who sued the Southwestern Portland Cement company for \$20,000 damages for the death of his son, rendered a verdict for \$2000 damages. The son, it is alleged, met his death by being caught in a shaft at the cement plant.

CHRISTMAS WINDSTORM.

A young windstorm was the present of the United States weather office Friday afternoon for El Paso. The weather man has promised colder and fairer weather for Saturday.

Czar Nicholas of Russia is very fond of fish of any kind.

The average salary of Methodist ministers in Ohio is \$1254 a year.

New York city has 92 people with incomes of \$500,000 or more a year.

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SUE SMELTER FOR \$11,000 FOR PRICE OF MEXICAN ORE

Suits aggregating nearly \$11,000 have been filed in the district courts against the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining company for proceeds from unsmelted ores alleged to have been delivered to the company's El Paso plant.

In the 45th district court Augustus Escobar filed suit for \$5000 against the company, alleging that unsmelted ores of that value were seized by Villa agents in the state of Chihuahua and shipped to the smelter. Later, he alleges, he had a settlement with Villa, whereby he came into undisputed title to the ore.

Manuel de la O filed suit in the 41st district court for \$7500, the price of unsmelted ore which he alleges he shipped to the smelter and for which he has not been compensated. The refusal of the company to pay, he alleges, is because of a counter claim for a transaction between the company and his son.

THANKS RAILROAD PEOPLE AND GENEROUS FRIENDS

Mrs. G. Dipert, whose husband was instantly killed while at his post of duty in the levee railroad yards by a Mexican soldier shouting across the river, desires for herself and daughter to express their sincere gratitude to the officials and employees of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad, and to all those friends who so quickly and generously assisted them in their deep bereavement.

In Great Britain there are over 50,000 qualified medical men.

KABIBBLE KABARET

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, MY GIRL FRIENDS DO NOT LIKE MY FIANCE, SHOULD I JILT HIM ON THAT ACCOUNT?

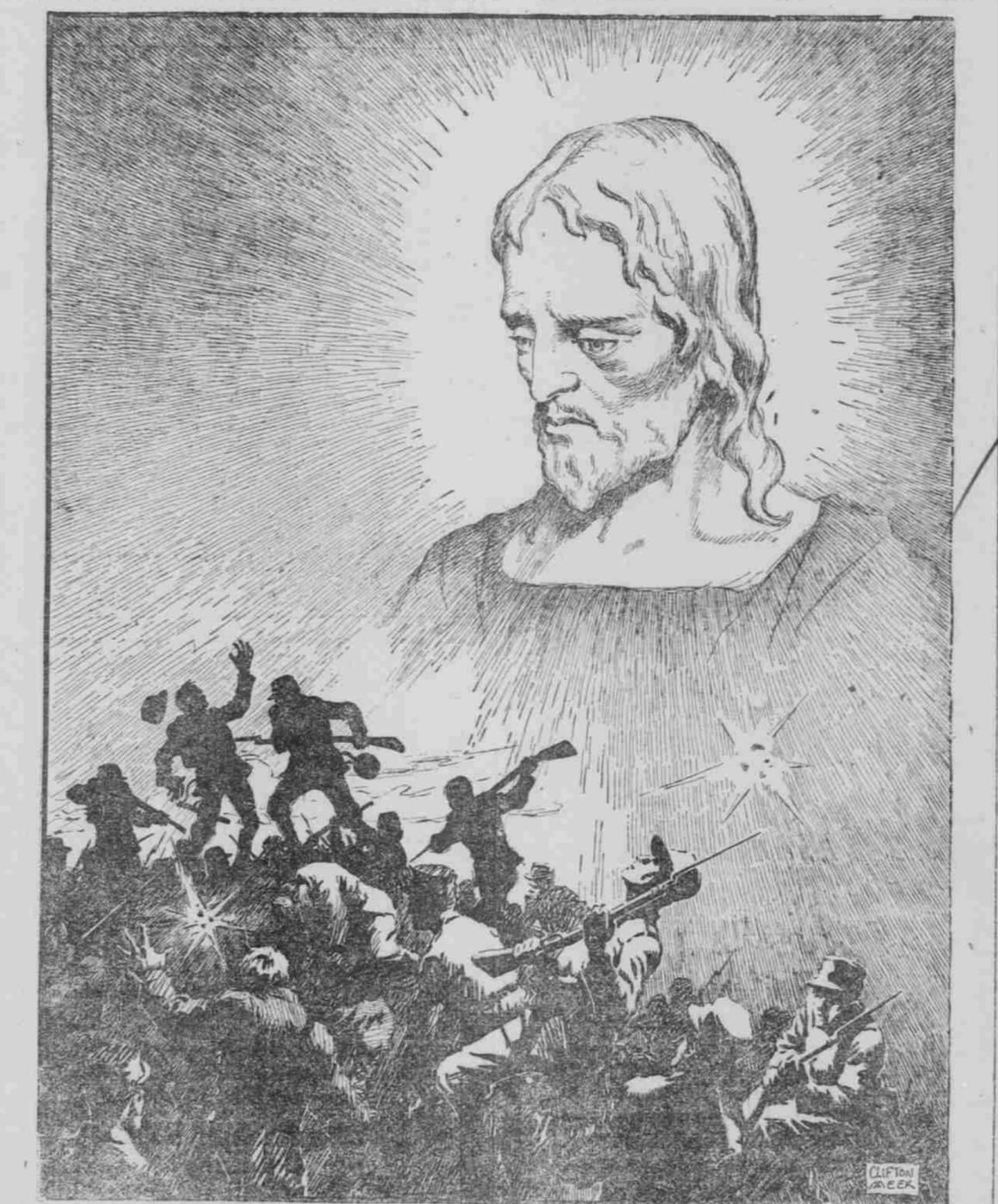
AND IF YOU DO THESE VERY SAME GIRLS WILL SAY HE JILTED YOU!

ABE MARTIN



"Th' accurate delimitation o' th' concept property would afford a theme 'specially apposite fer amplificative philosophical disquisition, however, you've chosen your path in life an' must take th' consequences," said justice Marsh Swallow, in sententious Stew Nugent this mornin'. It's goin' t' be a awful winter accordin' t' th' girls' sbetope.

AFTER NINETEEN CENTURIES - - BY MEEK



AND suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And the shepherds returned, glorying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

Criticism

NO ODDS what kind of work you're doing, your friends, with scorn your efforts viewing, will say your wires are crossed; they'll stand around you criticizing, and reprimanding and advising, and make you a frest. You paint your pump, and all your neighbors will come to contemplate your labor, and show you where you're wrong; they'll say your paint is punk in color—it should be gaudier or duller—and kick the whole day long. If you are wise you let them chatter—the words of housewife Little matter, they're worth a cent a ton; and while those words the air are (singing) you keep on painting, painting, painting, until the pump is done. The man who listens to the spilling of critics always hits the ceiling, upon some bitter day; be sure you're right—twas Davy said it—then go ahead and gain the credit, nor care what neighbors say.

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