

"THE GREAT RECONCILEMENT"Written for The Ontario by
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Some years ago Lord Charwood wrote a life of Abraham Lincoln, which has become a classic in the English-speaking world. The British student took a detached view of the man and his times, and gave his readers an impartial perspective of both.

He could stand aloof from the bitterness that preceded the great struggle to free the slave, and delve deeper into the causes. He could hold the balance even and bring into play, with proper regard for their bearing, the contending forces that made inevitable the civil war. It was not alone the question of slavery. He traced the factors underlying the latter, and the gradual drifting apart of the North and the South due to economic and climatic conditions and antipathies of the populations. The nation was rocked by the struggle but it found a surer foundation because of the upheaval. Not the war but the tragedy contained in the untimely taking of Lincoln made the aftermath of the war more difficult to overcome. The book has not been without its influence in bringing a better understanding of the South by the North and vice versa.

In a volume just published from the Holt press "The Peace President," was written by William Archer, a British critic of no mean authority, and not a stranger to the United States. We are asked to stand aside and look upon Woodrow Wilson from a nonpartisan and an "outsider" view point. The author writes primarily for the British public but the American reader will see the subject from new facets. The author is a kindly critic. He is charmed, naturally, with the literary style of Mr. Wilson and believes that the latter's extended excursions into the economical and historical fields have been of value to him in his present office.

From Mr. Archer we get a clearer presentation of the forces at work during the war, before we entered it, and of the position they placed Mr. Wilson in, than we do from the American biographers of, and we might say, the apologists for, Mr. Wilson's "watchful waiting."

The author is not hampered by political considerations. When he apologizes, if the word is not too strong, it is not for the man at the White House, but for the conditions prevailing in a nation of so many nationalities. Excuses have been offered by American writers for Mr. Wilson's delays and his "notes," and for refusal to prepare for war. To many it seemed that the best of these apologies were lame and halting.

Mr. Archer, from his semi-detached position makes a much stronger case for Mr. Wilson. He does not find fault with Mr. Wilson for delay that, if persisted in, might have changed the world's destiny; he gives him credit for a vision that saw ahead, and appreciation of the sentiment of the nation that held him in reserve until the hour came.

The author's "pies in abatement" reads in part as follows: "Was the nation united in the early months of the war? Was it united even after the first great U-boat crimes—the sinking of the Lusitania and the Arabic—had revealed the menace to civilization involved in German anarchy? The only answer to these questions is: Certainly not. There has been seldom a less united nation or one pulled in different ways by a greater variety of forces. In the first place, about one in eleven of the whole population was either born in Germany or born in America of German parents. Many of these hyphenate Americans were deeply infected with the unscrupulous megalomania which had impelled Germany upon her reckless career; while almost all of them were eager to adopt the German legend of a peaceful empire wantonly attacked, and to palliate the crimes of Kultur as legitimate measures of self-defence. To these nine millions of Germans, or Germans-once-removed, must be added large numbers of subjects of the Austrian monarchy; much less unanimously devoted to the cause of the central empires, but still a factor to be reckoned with. And what of the Americans who had no actual German or Austrian leanings? Was there any solidarity of feeling among them? None whatever.

A certain number mostly among the cultivated classes in the Eastern States, had fairly strong British sympathies; but tradition and education had fostered in large numbers of the people a vague dislike for England; while the powerful Irish element was animated by a no means vague antipathy for the Saxons oppressors."

It is contended that if Mr. Wilson had asked the people to go to war before he did, the elements of which he writes would have been too powerful, and instead of a united nation there would have been a divided one and to that degree ineffective.

Another reason which will meet with less criticism, for the long delay is given by Mr. Archer: "It was manifestly to the advantage of the world that, if it could be done without disgrace, one great power should hold aloof from the sanguinary warring, should devote itself to the mitigation of suffering, and should be in a position to mediate between the combatants as soon as the time should be ripe for such a service."

Mr. Wilson did not forget the part played by Mr. Roosevelt in bringing the Russo-Japanese war to a close. It was clearly incumbent upon him, if it could be reconciled with higher interests to hold himself in readiness for the congenial function of the peacemaker. This was not the least of motives impelling him to hold indignation in check, and make patience his watchword even to the eleventh hour.

"Again and again President Wilson was urged by onlookers, both at home and abroad, to call him a liar and make it a fight; and was taunted with spiritlessness and irresolution when he quietly ignored the advice. Never perhaps was his strength of character more clearly shown than in the calmness with which he pursued his well-considered course, unmoved by impatient and uncompromising criticism. However, exasperating might be the recurrent instances of German enfeeblement, he knew that he had not a compulsive case to lay before the mass of the American people; and he felt that to be the one indispensable condition of effective intervention."

Since the turn of fortune last July Mr. Wilson has occupied a distinctive place as the world's arbiter, according to this biographer. But his greatest service—and this is a feature dwelt on with emphasis, throughout the volume—has been to bring the two English-speaking nations into closer fellowship, into a union that is not to be lightly broken. A society of nations, yes, a nearer approach to the dream of centuries, a true internationalism, yes, but at the bottom and in the seam of the new covenant is the "Great Reconciliation."

"In virtue of the mandate of a great people; in virtue, too, of his own character; he has at more than one juncture been in very truth the arbiter of the destinies of the world; we are told by this British writer, 'In the name of democracy he has spoken the doom of empires. To this plain Scotch-Irish parentage, this son of an obscure Presbyterian minister, Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns have come truckling for mercy, only to be told, calmly and sternly, that mankind has no longer any use for them. The wonderful and incredible drama is a theme for Aschylus or a Shakespeare. We, its living spectators, can find no adequate words for the emotion it excites in us."

NILES CORNERS

Mrs. Thomas Amans visited friends at the Corners last week. Miss Alice Cruickshanks, of Melville visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Spencer, Lake Shore, spent a recent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan.

Mr. A. Preston and mother from Ameliasburg have moved into the Bull house here and intend working by the day this summer. We welcome Mr. Preston and his mother to our neighborhood.

Miss Reid, of Melville spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. Harry Dafoe.

There is quite a number here suffering from bad colds. The roads are in a horrible condition on account of so much rain and mud.

GLEN ROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson have a brand new boy. Congratulations. Surveyors have been at work here and the probabilities are that Glen Ross will have a new power house in the near future.

The Coe Hill train was delayed on Friday morning by a couple of cars becoming derailed. Fortunately no great damage was done and in a few hours the train was able to continue on her way.

The Ladies Aid met and reorganized at the home of Mrs. S. Holder's on Thursday. Officers for the coming year are as follows: President,

Mrs. B. Winsor; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. S. Holder; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. E. Pyar; Secretary, Mrs. D. Benedict; Treasurer, Mrs. P. McKee. It was suggested during the meeting that the ladies become interested in the Children's Shelter at Belleville. The suggestion was met with approval.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Irwin have been visiting their sister Mrs. G. H. Winsor for a few days.

Mrs. H. Hubel has been suffering from an attack of neuralgia.

Mrs. Bull has returned home after a three weeks visit with relatives in Trenton and vicinity.

Mrs. T. Smart, of Wellman's spent a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. F. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Winsor spent one day last week near Stockdale, visiting their sister, Mrs. H. Dafoe.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Wellman's is spending a couple of weeks with her son, Mr. F. Johnson.

We are glad to see Mr. H. Farrell able to be out again without crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bell of Rednersville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. McKee on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. R. Haggerty of Huntingdon, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Abbott for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Pyar and Mr. and Mrs. B. Winsor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Spencer, Mount Pleasant on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Hubel and Miss Vera spent Wednesday at Anson, visiting Mrs. J. Holmes.

Mr. D. A. Weaver went to Marmora this week to resume his work there.

Mrs. A. Holgate and Master Clarence, of Moira, are spending the week with her parents.

The Rev. S. F. Dixon preached here Sunday in the interest of Social Service and Evangelism.

Wedding bells are ringing.

Spiritual and Floral Offerings

The following were the contributions of floral and spiritual offerings for the late Conductor John Edward Hogan:

Floral Offerings

Wreath, from wife and family; sheaf, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dalton; Mrs. Harry Bryan, Toronto; Broken Wheel, "Brotherhood" of Railway Trainmen; Cross, Order of Railway Conductors; Anchor, Mr. John Powers; Star, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Vanallen; Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Townsley and Percy; Spray, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke; Sheaf of Roses, Mr. C. J. Raven, of Pickering, Ont.; Sheaf of Roses, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clare; Sheaf, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Vandervoort; Sheaf, Mr. and Mrs. Redfern; Cross, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott.

Spiritual Offerings

Mrs. J. P. Hogan, wife and children; Mrs. T. P. Hogan Sr. Mrs. T. Hogan, Jr.; Chas. L. Powers, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hogan, Mrs. Michael Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogan, Mr. Wm. Hogan, Mr. Vincent Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. John Lentz, Kingston; Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, Kingston; Miss Beattie Lentz, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boyle, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dalton, Toronto; Mr. John Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph English, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, Mr. Robert Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Doran, Mr. and Mrs. George Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hebert, Jr., Mrs. Louis Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gauthier, Mrs. L. R. Gauthier, Miss Blanche Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. James Whelan, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bremar, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Mr. John O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manley, Miss Lillian and Mr. Leo Manley, Mr. Thomas Gorman, Mr. Vincent Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. B. Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Flannery, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, Mrs. P. Frechette and George, Mrs. Henry Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buckley, Mrs. Jas. Byrne and Anna, Mr. F. P. Carney, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bird Sr. The pupils of St. Michael's Academy, Harry's classmates, Mr. James E. Costello.

MELROSE

March 18.—Wedding bells are ringing, ringing, ringing.

The recent rains have spoiled our good sleighing which was so badly needed by the farmers especially.

Pleased to report the "du" has not visited this locality for a time. Mr. Switzer and family are moving to Melrose.

Miss Pearl Morden is visiting at

the home of her uncle, Mr. Richard Tripp, at Prince Edward for a time.

Mrs. E. Simpkins spent a few days of last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Milligan, of Madoc.

Miss Keitha Osborne has returned after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. McGregor, Fort William. We cordially welcome her again in our midst.

Miss Olive Badgley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stillman Haight for a time.

If You Talk in Your Sleep!

Things that Frederick Burgwart talked about in his sleep and overheard by his bride of two months led to his indictment at New York charged with holding up a subway passenger and robbing him of \$2.100. The robbery occurred on December 11, and Burgwart's wedding on December 16, when he gave his bride a present of \$1,000. Recently Mrs. Burgwart sought out the District Attorney and told him her husband had talked of the subway hold-up in his sleep. A detective was put on the case, and Burgwart and another man was arrested charged with the crime.

Durham Boys Win in Stock Judging

Beat all Competitors for Provincial Trophy Given by Stock Yards

Guelph, March 19.—The championship in the inter-county live stock judging competition for the trophy donated to the winning team by the Union Stock Yards of Toronto was decided at the Ontario Agricultural College today and goes to the team from Durham county, who ran up a total of 1,925 points. The competitors were from Lanark county, who made 1,690 points. The contest which was decided today is the result of these two counties winning their sections. Durham being the winner of the J. I. Duff Trophy at the Guelph Winter Fair; held in December last, while Lanark county won the Peter White Trophy of the Oshawa Winter Fair held in January.

BIG ISLAND

March 17th, 1919.

Mr. Albert Wager is busy drawing the season's supply of coal for Elmwood Cheese Factory.

Miss Irene Barragar and Mr. J. A. Moorecroft of Hastings were quietly married on Wednesday, March 12th. Congratulations.

Mr. J. Smith was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr visited at the home of Mr. J. Hallitt one day last week.

Pte. Henry Black who recently returned from overseas is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. Arthur Talmage of Brighton spent over Sunday at Mr. Peck's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Clement and family were entertained recently at the home of Mr. Wm. Vtlier.

Miss Genevieve Thompson spent a day last week with her aunt, Mr. M. Howe.

WESTERN AMELIASBURG

March 17th, 1919.

On Wednesday Mr. Charlie Kemp sawed wood for H. Rathbun.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashby spent Wednesday evening at the home of Robert Wadsworth.

Sawing wood is the order of the day.

Mr. Willett Hunt is spending a few days at the home of W. Ostrom at Rednersville.

Miss Cronk and friends from Trenton, spent Sunday at the home of Morris Alaya.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brown and Harvey took dinner recently at the home of Wm. Alaya.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alaya spent Saturday evening at the home of John Vandervoort.

Mr. Will Ashby has bought the Wm. Kemp farm at Gardenville.

Maeterlinck Weds Another Actress

Renée Dallon Became Famous as "Tyty" in "The Blue Bird."

Nice—Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian playwright, several days ago married Renée Dallon, a young woman of Nice, it became known today. Maeterlinck has been a resident of Nice for the last ten years.

The marriage took place at Chateau Neuf-de-Contes, a small village twelve miles from Nice, with the strictest privacy. Only four villagers were present as legal witnesses.

It crowns a romance which commenced eight years ago. Maeterlinck, is fifty-eight years old and his bride twenty-six. Maeterlinck was divorced from his former wife, Madame Georgette Le Blanc, five weeks ago.

Daring Burglars Robbed Two Stores

Broke into Prouse's and Hoag's Drug Store—Made off With The Goods

Kingston, Mar. 19.—Two most daring robberies were committed between one and two o'clock Monday morning when Prouse's and Hoag's drug stores were entered, and a quantity of goods taken in each place, as well as some money from Hoag's.

The burglars were nothing if not daring, for they entered both stores by prying open the front doors with bars. In Hoag's store they made off with a quantity of goods and about \$15 in money, which was in the cash register. In Prouse's a number of fountain pens composed the haul of the burglars. The police were notified and are working on the case.

42 New Colors

New York, March 19.—The Textile Color Card Association announced the issuance of a card of 42 standard colors for the manufacture of Fall fabrics, the majority making their appearance for the first time.

A departure was the inclusion of ten colors in wool, the association's efforts formerly having been devoted exclusively to the silk trade. Nix and elk browns and trooper blue were said to be striking features of the wool tones. Of the silk colors, it was stated, blues predominated, led by the introduction of novelties named Louvain, Bruges and Ghent, while peanut and pelt, browns, ember, "representing light and fire," and burnt orange were given special attention.

The "Soft Job" Ones

If it be true that certain officers objected to travelling from Halifax in the same pullman with non-commissioned officers, it is pretty safe betting that they were soft-job officers and not from the front, where they had shared dangers and shell holes with their fellow soldiers.

Won Out in a Big Drive

What Belleville Boy did in Membership Campaign in Kelfield

The "Prairie Farmer" carries the following interesting item about an old Belleville boy, Mr. G. W. Weese, of Kelfield, Sask., Mr. Weese was born in Prince Edward county and is a son-in-law of Mr. Geo. Edwards, 80 South John Street. He went west about 11 years ago. The article says:

"Paragon local of the Grain Growers' Association is well named, inasmuch as it has in two weeks sprung from the ranks of the mediocre locals, with a membership of sixty, into the 'big leaguers,' with a total membership of two hundred and seventy-five; or at the rate of sixteen for every working day, with three thrown in for Sundays.

"Paragon Local, for the last three years, has been worrying along with a maximum membership of sixty and at their meeting two weeks ago it was decided to start something; which eventually took the form of a membership campaign. Two captains were appointed, consisting of G. H. Irwin, the secretary-treasurer and G. W. Weese. The members were divided up between the captains and the team making the poorest record was under contract to put up an oyster supper for the whole crowd.

"When the returns were completed it was found that the team captained by Mr. Weese was an easy winner, having secured 123 new members, while the opposition came second with a list of 67.

"It is the intention of the Paragon local to celebrate their big oyster feed early in the month of March and have secured the promise of J. B. Musselman, the central secretary, and ye Editor to celebrate with them their unique success and honor having added to the membership the shortest time, the largest number of new members."

County and District**John McQuaig—an Expert**

A full page of a recent issue of The Horse Review is devoted to the wonderful success in the horse training and racing world of John McQuaig, who was formerly in the employment of F. A. Folger at the Rideau stock farm near Kingston which at that time, was one of the largest and most prominent of Canadian breeding establishments. Today Mr. McQuaig is at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and recognized as one of the best trainers in the United States. One of his patrons is George S. Davis of Tulsa, who for many years has been breeding stake-winning horses.

After training at the Rideau stock farm, Mr. McQuaig was in charge of quite a number of well-known harness races including Wilkes, 2.11 1/4; Lady Geraldine 2.11 1/4; Monte Carlo, 2.07 1/4; Nora McKinney, 2.09 1/4. He has been at Tulsa during the past eight years and has steadily been adding to his list of winners until he is now recognized as one of the cleverest men in the game.

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body. The operation took one hour and a half. The little lad is doing nicely. It is expected that he will be able to return to his home in the course of a few weeks.

Smith's Falls, March 19.—

Knitting socks for soldiers has occupied a great deal of the time of many Canadian women for the past four years. Few were more faithful in the work than Miss Clara Gould, of Smith's Falls, who sent many pairs of socks across the seas to the brave fighters over there. Finally she knitted a pair of exceptionally fine ones for the greatest of all the fighters, Marshall Foch, and sent them to him with greetings from a Canadian girl. The other day was delighted to receive from the great general a note of thanks signed in his own handwriting.

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