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The World's Greatest Driving Force

*"This everlasting army of children coming and going, going and coming,
always about us, for ever passing by, is God's pledge to the world
that His purpose shall not fail"*

THE best day in the history of the world since Bethlehem!" said Secretary Daniels, of Saturday, 28th June, 1919—the date of the signing of the peace pact. In the afternoon of that day, in the historic Hall of Mirrors, at Versailles, where the German Empire was proclaimed with glittering pomp in 1871, the two envoys of that now fallen state signed the treaty without a murmur.

Here in 1871 the German Emperor was crowned; here in 1919 the utter defeat of the Prussian Empire's tyrannous bid for world domination was written in letters of blood into the annals of the world's history.

"The Best Day Since Bethlehem!"

In those centuries that mark the interval between Bethlehem and that great hour in the palace of the old and obsolete French kings, some mighty things have been done in the name of human genius, but no great thing was ever conceived that lives in fact or in grateful memory to-day which did not find its "one rock of security and real power" in the cradle of Bethlehem.

Bethlehem has been immortalized by The Child. The child is in a very real sense, "the father of the man." All that is of real power in the man is in that which has not yet parted company with the integrity, the simplicity the incurable Good Will of the Child.

In those nineteen odd centuries, every attempt of despotism to insist on its will holding the ascendancy over men's minds and property has, sooner or later, perished by its own hand. By the common law of Nature, it could not live.

The one living thing on the earth to-day is the child, and there never was a time in the world's history when it was so impera-

tive that the ruling of the child should become absolute the world over, as it is at this hour.

Herein lies the world's salvation—the acceptance and habitual honoring of the Law of Love that received its coronation in the manger of the inn at Bethlehem. The solution of the world's unrest, the one guarantee of a world's peace for all time is to be found in the simple story of that **Child's Life**. That simple and yet amazing biography of thirty-three years presents a perfect living model of the only plan of human conduct and government which has ever guided men to success and happiness.

Taking the prevailing condition of things in the world to-day at their face value, we are in about the worst maelstrom of social disquietude of which men now living have any memory. The outlook is one of black hopelessness to any mind that does not begin, continue and end with the sovereignty of the **Golden Rule**. That the world of civilized men is split into two

great hostile camps is due, not to ignorance, but to a prevailing indisposition to square conduct by the principle of the Golden Rule.

Who will Save the Day for Justice and Goodwill?

The incidence of the great war has shattered so much in constituted "authority" and leadership that the high priest in many an old temple of devoted worshippers has had to step down from his pedestal. Who among the hoary prophets of, say, the past decade, has survived the wreck of those fifty months of human hate and the unbridled passion of war?

Of those of them who did not set their course by the magnetic needle of the Golden Rule before publishing it to the world, not a man of them dare lift his head to-day.



"The Only Lasting Asset in any State"

Peter Wright