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THE FAILURE OF THE PEACEMAKERS

"The whole world seethes with council-chamber, with its foot on revolution" said Senator Knox the the neck of the enemy. The 'selfother day in the United States determination of peoples' was a Senate.

The War itself as it dragged its were mocked by the closed doors weary, bloody length along became of the Conference. When at last for millions monotonous, common- the terms were published their world social order is menaced with batreds and vendettas which would destruction fails to stir deeply our lead, as sure as the sun should rise, are still blindly, brutally pandering Lot only in Germany and Austria engendered by the War as though a where at least minorities of people world sick unto death could so be had hoped for some nobler vision of better served than by Christian the world's needs, and for some charity and cooperation. While some of our public men are

engaged in the pettiness of asking German made goods to be branded so as to hinder their sale, enlightened Engtrade.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, M. P., an English by the faith and hope that they were than the barbarity which was let Labor leader, said at a London fighting for liberty and justice, to loose in Europe. They will have meeting: to end war."

"Our statesmen had failed to see ly fought for, was 'the war to end war.' The seeds of fature war were millions of demobilized soldiers he flict. . sown in this treaty, and while the says :

soldiers had succeeded in their work, the statesmen had failed. The relations with enemy peoples."

ings of them. His definition of reach it. . ." liberty seemed sound and true, promising the self-determination of peoples. His offer to the German ose drama before hostile spectators beginning poor and petty, and mis- years ago. who refase to take part in it. It will erably short sighted. people to deal generously with them if they overthrew their tyranny go hard with the nation, for it will be raised no quarrel among British engulfed in anarchy. soldiers. His hope of a new diplomacy based on 'open covenants open-August of 1919, when I write these ly arrived at.' seemed to cut at the words, five years after another root of the old evil in Europe by which the fate of the peoples had been in the hands of the few. His history is in my soul and its blood is fourteen points, set out clearly and in my body, and I have seen the squarely a just basis for peace. .

glory of its spirit, is sick, nigh unto I think there were many millions of death. . . Our Empire is greater men on each side of the fighting-line in spaciousness than ever before, but its second reading in the Sanate, a who thanked God because President our strength to hold it has ebbed low copy of which he obtained a few Wilson had come with a wisdom because of much death, and a strain days ago. He declared that the bill peace and a new order of nations. . . has slackened in his work. . . He approximately 50 years.

had massacred its youth."

"In the peace terms that followed wants low prices with high wages there was but little trace of those and less work. It is false arithmetic can be obtained under the bill as it splendid ideas which had been pro-and its falsity will be proved by a claimed by President Wilson. On claimed by President Wilson. On tremendous crash. one point after another he weakened "Some crash must come, tragic and was beaten by the old militar. and shocking to our social structure. dian legislators can make no imism which sat enthroned in the I see no escape from that and only provement on a law passed 50 years

the hope that in that crisis the very shock of it will restore the mental balance of the nation and that all hollow phrase signifying nothing. classes will combine together under We become accustomed to anything. Open covenants openly arrived at leaders of unselfish purpose, and fine vision, eager for evolution and not revolution, for peace and not for blood, for Christian charity and not place almost. Now the awful fact merciless severity, their disregard of for hatred, for civilization and not that over a great part of the civilized racial boundaries, their creation of for anarchy, to reshape the conditions of our social life and give

"It will go hard with the Govern-

"At the present time, in this

us a new social order, with more deadened conscioueness. Some of us to new warfare, staggered humanity, equality of labor and reward, duty and sacrifice, liberty and discipline to the disastrous national hatreds but in every country in the world, of soul combining the virtue of patriotism with a generous spirit to other peoples across the old from tiers of hate. That is the hope but healing remedy for the evils which not the certainty.

"It is only by that hope that one So it is very evident that it is not may look back upon the War with Maynard Keynes alone who sees in anything but despair. All the lives the Versailles Treaty a dismal of those boys whom I saw go marchlishmen are inaugurating a campaign failure, an impossible Peace! But ing up the roads of France and to urge the necessity of reestablish. if the economic side of the Peace Flanders to the fields of death, so ing industry and production in all is the chief interest of Mr. Keynes, splendid, so lovely in their youth, countries and restoring international Sir George Paish, and others, Mr. will have been laid down in vaia Gibbs speaks for those who through if by their sacrifice the world is not As reported in recent despatches the hell of the War were sustained uplifted to some plane a little higher end militarism, waging "the war been betrayed if the agony they

suffered is forgotten and 'the war that what the soldiers had so valiant. Speaking of the disillusionment, to end war' leads to preparations the bitterness, the indignation of the for new, more monstrous con-" The devil in Germany had to be

killed. There was no other way "At street-corners, in tramway cars, in tea shops where young men except by helping the Germans to policy of the modification of the talked at the table next to mine kill it before it mastered them. Peace Treaty must come by means of I listened to conversations not Now let us exorcise our own devils that financial and economic con- meant for my ears, which made me and get back to kindness toward all ference which had been promised, hear in imagination and afar off (yet men of good will. That also is the and through the resumption of trade not very far, perhaps) the dreadful only way to heal the heart of the rumble of revolution, the violence world and our own state. Let us Nor is this exclusively a Labor of mobs led by fanatics. It was the seek the beauty of life and God's

view. Lord Parmoor, at the same talk, mostly, of demobilized soldiers. truth somehow, remembering the meeting, branded the Versailles They asked one another, 'What did boys who died too soon, and all that

wise hopeless. He not only spoke before we reach that state, if, by any tract with them and by branding God. They just keep right on going and nothing else matters. high words, but defined the mean- grace that is in us, and above us, we them as "foreign born," worthy not Forward-both ways of brotherly trust and confidence, but Still in the matter of divorce ours of suspicion and distrust and is still "very poor legislation," no

To what extent " prohibition "

troubling no one can say. Bat the terminus ad quem of pro-This item must be quoted in full.

many people entirely devoted to by a progressive husband and wife store are drudgery. Prohibition is a vival of mediaval restrictions on happy "marriage."

"Fanny Hurst, the author, an-"A very poor showing," was the nounced yesterday," says a New mother is no longer revered and opinion expressed by G. N. Weekes York newspaper article, "that she father is always a sly old rascal. God on the divorce bill, which has passed and her husband, Jaques E. Danielson, had been secretly sailing the matrimonial sea for five years. . ." The only ground on which divorce

liberty is achieved. And they " give their experience ' to their progressive fellow-countrymen and women who enjoy the made to look the fool. blessings of prohibition of two per cent. wine and about fifty per cent. liberty in marriage.

introduced by a Senator from Nova They show the goal of one hundred Scotia, and the bill deals with Ontario and Prince Edward Island. per cent. conjugal liberty. He declared that there seems to be great backwardness on the part of

Here are a few extracts from their luminous interview :

" Think of leading one's own life Mr. Weekes pointed out that the with the real joy of a happy partner divorce law which is in process of and none of the patty irritation of a legislation in England will provide desertion, life imprisonment, insanintimate! . . ity and habitual drunkenness as

Contemptuously referring to the nagging wife," to the husband (con-Unconsciously but none the less graphically Mr. Weskes has farnished the best possible comment on divorca courts and divorce laws. Once the barriers are let down there must "Poor legislation " prohibition wing of progress, he the screen has devilishly suggested tained towards the Church since like that now being enacted will holier form of sacrifics which this ents were probably fond of "sport" never satisfy the progressivas. Even thoroughly modernist form of mar. when they were young. now the idea of starting where Eagriage imposes. Hear him : land had arrived fifty years ago

"A mutual arrangement such as excites contempt and disgust. It is ours means not only mutual sacripositively equivalent to saying that we have made no progress in the one will deny that the ordinary, hummatter of marriage in half a century. drum marriage demands adjustment. And look at the enormous advance There have been those adjustments we have made in the number of with us, too, but there is this to be said for our experiment-in return divorces even on the old and abfor those sacrifices we have found happiness. 30 :B&Co 9

It in staid old England habitual At any rate, we have been happy five years, our 'bark' has drunkenness be a ground for divorce, for weathered the storms of those first here, where we have uplifted our. five years which see the wreck of so selves to heights of legislative holimany matrimonial cruises.

ness whence we look down in sorrow Will your experiment terminate on England's sinfulness, surely a and pass into a quite conventional 'temperance" wife should be married life if you become parents? asked the next interviewer. allowed legal separation from a hus-That is hard to say," said Mr. band who is guilty of a breach of the Danielson. "It really is hard to

Here is Miss Hurst now, maybe O. T. A. ; and absolute divorce if he tell. joins the Liberty League and con- you had better ask her." No," answered Miss Hurst, " that tumaciously paraists in such heresy. does not mean that our basis of Liberty-that reminds us that we marriage would be altered. It might must make a distinction. We have be adjusted, of course, but I can find made progress in fifiy years, and of no reason why, in essentials, it

with a profession of her own cannot and like it. raise her children more efficiently by

hops among men who were other. to go and many storms to weather we begin by repudiating our con- grace of legislation for the grace of care for that? He wants the money ; gregation of Red Cross nurses in

Rev. Dr. Boynton of Chicago says "The modern show maker thinks ment of England if it plays a grandi- ostracism, then we are making a better than what England had fifty life exposed, and so he makes assault the world over of organized relief in upon the fundamentals of civilization. The crook is made a joke.

To what extent "prohibition" Stealing is funny. Swearing is may go or in what direction, when entertaining. The double meaning the problem of drink has ceased from is the end of wit. Infidelity and illicit love are the real spice of life. The silly, smoking, swearing, shocking woman is the regular fellow

England which I love because its progress who chafe under the sur- who have just told the world of their calamity and drunkenness a lost The clergyman is a fool and the Church a misty memory of those funny Sunday School days. Even

is a convenient swear word.' This does not exaggerate the genannounced the death of Gaby Deslys,

eral tendency and effect of moving greater than the folly which was ours to lead the way to an honorable pace and a new order of nations. . . legal or ecclesiastical, but their own burglars and crocks of all sorts ; and sweet will. Here divorce and marri- when they are tired of that, they get age merge into one. Absolute a picture in which a married woman fools her husband and indulges her passion with another man. If a clargy.

man is brought on the screen, he is

The young girl from a quiet country home is shown how the prostitutes of New York or London disport them. selves ; and what fine clothes they wear ; and what " a good time they have." The young girl who has been sheltered from harm in a convent and is now about to enter society is Mass in the church of Notre Dame de introduced to scenes of shameful conduct by married women, and it is companionship unnaturally close and suggested to her that such conduct is

the rule ; and that it is looked on as sport." and is only to be laughed at.

fices, but individual sacrifices. No a rowdy he was himself when he was Rome in the wake of the Garabaldian young.

young?

the influence of a degraded screen, new day for Rome and for Italy. and of wanton and reckless vaude

ville. The manager of a big A nusement persuasion, or of none, will endorse Company in New York says "the the verdict of the Anglican Bishop film business can be elevated only of Hereford in regard to the revived through the education of the public." spiritistic cult. He said : "Nothing course very great progress in nine- should not work just the same. I Meantime the anussment panderers is more certain than that spiritualcan see no reason at all why a woman are educating the public to eat dirt istic investigations are, for ordinary

people, mentally and morally debil-

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1856, which scon received Papal sanction. Their insignia was a red cross on the habit or cloak, and to this day the public wants the wicked side of it remains the distinguishing mark time of war.

IT HAS remained for Lutheran Denmark to lead the way towards the restoration of Rheims Cathedral. by presenting the French nation with It doubtless reflects the views of gressive divorce is well illustrated The home is tame. The shop and a fund of \$200,000 for that parpose a voluntary offering which carries with it an assurance of good will which will be all the more prized because of the religious complexion of the Danish people.

PRESS DESPATCHES recently

the dancer, who gained very un-

enviable notoriety some years ago in connection with the fall of the monarchy in Portugal, and the banishment of King Manuel. The world has since heard much about her stage escapades and her jewels. But what the announcement of her death did not reveal was that she died penitent and in full communion with the Church. Three years ago she contracted that malignant throat affection which terminated her life, after months of great suffering which, having made her peace with God, she bors with exemplary patience and resignation. Her death

took place in Paris, and after Requiem. Grace, her remains were taken to Margeilles for burial. R. I. P.

THE RESUMPTION of the Via Crucis The young man is asked to suppose in the Roman Coliseum after a lapse ventionalor Christian) as being "jailed that girls are not at all the modest of fifty years is one of those hopeful for life," he extols the "freedom" creatures they seem to be, and that signs seeming to point to a gradual of their "ideal" union. And, like it is only a question of opportunity. modification of the attitude which the exponents and advocates of the We know personally of cases in which the Italian Government has mainmodestly glories in the higher and to young people that their own par. 1870. But a few years ago any such manifestation of the religious spirit in the public places of Rome would

"Father is very careful of his have brought down an avalanche of daughter," said one guide line on the insult and violeace from the noisy screen, "because he remembers what atheistic element which entered army, and has ever since sought to

Could devilish ingenuity in the overawe the inherent faith and devotempting of the young go farther tion of the real Romans. The rethan this-to suggest to them that sumption of the ceremony this year if they go in for lustfal pleasure was unattended, by any such hostile they will only be doing what their demonstration, and even witnessed own parents did when they were with respectful interest as the pro-

cession passed through the streets The present condition of the on its way to the sacred spot where screen is a challenge to the sense of in the days of pagan Rome so many decency of the public; a sense which martyrs shed their blood for Christ. is certainly growing weaker, and May it not be that this simple likely to grow weaker still, under incident presages the dawning of a

NORMAL PEOPLE of every religious

Treaty as "unjust or, to use the we fight for ?' and then other words of Mr. Keynes, a treaty which questions such as 'Wasn't this a war years. was 'Carthaginian' in character;" and for liberty ?' or, 'We fought for the the dark ages," if good-will and profiteers ?' cooperation did not take the place of

Sir George Paish, the great economist and financial expert, gave facts show that "the world was travelling who grow fat on big jobs, big trusts, the economic danger was as great as was that of the War.

Amongst his conclusions are : "That there is an urgent necessity for the revision of those clauses of the Peace Treaty which affect adversely the conditions of life and trade in Europe, so that the Government may be free to co-operate in the reconstruction of the common inter-related industrial life of the European people and so that all trade restrictions may be removed."

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And also "that immediate action must be taken in order that adaquate credit and material may be supplied to the necessitous parts of Europe, including the Central Powers.'

common disaster.

falsity and hatred of these past five "By blood and passion there will be

he quoted a statement of Mr. Hoover land didn't we? Then why no healing. We have seen too much that "the world would swim in a sea shouldn't we share the land?' or, blood. We want to wipe it out of misery and disaster worse than 'Why should we be bled white by of our eyes and souls. Let us have Peace."

"They mentioned the government. the spirit that informed the Treaty. | and then laughed in a scornful way.

" ' The government,' said one man, 'is a conspiracy against the people. and figures of compelling force to All its power is used to protect those and slime and blocd, the savagery and steadily to shipwreck." Even with a big contracts. It used us to smash glory and the fine spirit of courage generous spirit of good will, coopera- the German Empire in order and duty and hope are all given tion and sustained effort, he main. to strengthen and enlarge the their place to make the picture truly tained that the task of overcoming British Empire for the sake of those reflect the awful reality depicted. who grab the oil wells, the goldfields, the minerals, and the markets But has it not its point and its moral of the world.' "

And the war correspondent who zens? In the War Canada played was eminent amongst his fellows well her heroic part ; in peace which He ignorantly chose for His precisely because he excelled in that can she contribute to the heal instinctive, intuitive knowledge of ing of world wounds, to the damnable poison. human nature is quite as likely in restoration of healthy cooperation peace as in war to interpret aright amongst the nations, if she the psychology of the soldier now tolerates amongst her leaders those demobilized.

"Out of such talk," he comments on of patriotism is to wave the bloody the foregoing, "revolution is born, shirt beside the fisg, to attempt to and revolution will not be averted by keep alive or revive the savage pretending that such words are not hatreds of war and with them to being spoken and that such thoughts poison and pollute the long looked liberty. are not seething among our working for and blessed peace? Can we classes. It will only be averted by hope to contribute anything worthy cutting at the root of public suspicion, to the peace of the world if we dignified interchange of wives; stock in trade of the sensational Unless this Peace Treaty is revised, by cleansing our political state of its perpetuate amongst ourselves dis-

he declared, there would soon be the corruption and folly, and by a clear, trust, suspision, hatred between same trouble in Paris as they had strong call to noble minded men to a individuals, groups or classes? just had in Berlin, and that all new way of life in which a great If we can not with generous good Europe would be engulfed in a people, believing in the honor and will and Christian charlty promote honesty of its leadership and in fair the cause of national unity then we

In his new book, "Now it Can be reward for good labor, shall face a shall have failed in psace where we Told," Philip Gibbs writes : "It was period of poverty with courage, and succeeded admirably in war. to one man in all the world that cooperate waselfishly for the good of There are amongst us those whom many men in all armiss looked for a the commonwealth, inspired by a we sought and welcomed and approved and practised. That, how- excite, to thrill, to shock. And, his youth, abandoned a military mother: "All this banishing and way out of this frightfal impasse. sense of fellowship with the workers solemnly contracted to receive into President Wilson had raised new of other nations. We have a long way the Canadian nation as brothers. If Christians who have substituted the what does the motion picture maker of the afflicted. He founded a con- blessing on our house." As the

Long ago Christ said, "He that shall marry her that is put away committeth adultery." In progres. sive countries-and Canada is now getting into that class - legisla. tion has removed all stigma of dis- Probibition. grace which the ancient Christian superstition attached to that form

teen hundred years.

It is with these Christian, sensiof adultery. bla and prudent words that Philip Nineteen centuries ago Christ in

Gibbs concludes his graphic history goodness of heart even before He of the Great War in which the mud began His public ministry and His public miracles, changed water into brutality as well as the gallantry, the wine that the merry-making at a hosts be spared the humiliation of stinting their hospitable entertainment. His appeal points its own morals To-day in Ontario the Divine

Master would be arrested, fined or for us as individual Canadian cititeach in His name that the matter

great Sacrament is a subtle and So we have made progress whose mean and ignoble conception

that Prohibition is progress and it that nine-tenths of the moving-Divorce is progress. As to what we shall drink progress

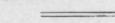
As to the bond of marriage in trade of the motion picture maker,

neither the outrage on the holy novelist.

sexual passion imposed by Christian teaching, nor, of course, the crude money in thrills than in anything Papal institution dating back to the Kulturkampf. Possibly in his barter in wives practised by savages. else ; and the motion picture busi-So we are getting liberty of a kind, ness is first, last and all the time a origin to a canonized saint, Camillus (and he surely must have many) the

ever, doesn't disturb the zealous whether the results be good or bad, carser to devote his life to the care imprisoning of priests will bring no

entrusting the upbringing to a woman who is a professional in that way." Well, it is an age of Forward Move. ments and Uplift and Progress and



MOVING PICTURE CRAZE

BY THE OBSERVER

The moving picture is now a verit. Look at the boys and girls dancing, able craze. The theatres cannot cheek to cheek and frankly hugging wedding feast might go on and the contain the crowds that flock to see the pictures. Old and young throng inspired from? From the screen the shows every night in the week. Crowds rush from one theatre to worse in social conduct is already another on the same evening. Let only too perceptible. no one suppose that all this can go imprisoned for that act. And we on without great and far-reaching effects being produced on the people

NOTES AND COMMENTS of this country. A REV. MR. CORKER has been The whole world and all that is in it ; all human life and action ; all Alert Bay, B. C. His parishioners nature with its resources : all are at will not unnaturally hope that he

But though progress and liberty the disposal of the moving picture may live up to his name. are generally bracketed together, we maker. Whatever the eye can see, are confronted by the awkward fact the camera can photograph. Why is

> pictures present the same old stuff young girl being attacked by a snake that the sensational novel has down in Indiana, the reptile coiled

demands the complete destruction of 'always dealt with ? Crime, catas- itself around the girl's "hind leg" and trophe and lust are the main stock body. Here at length is a new problem for the anatomists.

progress demands an easy, legal and as they have always been the main

Why ? Because there is more

and prohibition of a kind. But we money-making business. If anyone of Lellis. are getting the liberty which Carist learns anything useful in the picture emphatically prohibited and prohi- theatre, it is by the way; for the bition of what Christ empha wally main purpose of moving pictures is to

edge that the Red Cross as applied to

Alas, there is only too much itating. No progress is made in attraction for human nature in evil them, and it is difficult to believe of all sorts. that a genuinely scientific character

Oar boys are being educated in attaches to researches so barren of all the latest ideas of the city crook. results, so heavily shadowed in Our girls are being educated to fraud, and so plainly unwholesome think that immodest conduct is fun to investigators." We say revived SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE and a good joks; and that only old cult, and say it advisedly, for spiritism, or diabolism, (as, in the fogies take it seriously.

judgment of many of the wisest and Look in at the dancing assemblies best minds of the time, it may which are now all over the country. ba) in its essence is as old as humanity, and has left its ovil mark on every nation that has succumbed each other. Where is all this laxity to it. The testimony of Bishop Hensley Henson, therefore, is of and the stage. The change for the peculiar significance as against the sophistries and blasphemies of Arthur Conan Doyle. The latter is an apostate Catholic, while the Bishop of Hereford is a prelate whose rationalizing spirit has more than once made him a storm centre appointed Anglican missionary at in the Church of England. In regard to spiritism, therefore, it cannot he said that he is actuated by religious bias, but voices rather the normal intellect of the nation

A PRESS despatch has it that a as distinguished therefrom. A DUTCH paper, De Standaard. says of Amerongen Castle, where the Kalser is a virtual prisoner, that forty-five years ago it served as the residence of Cardinal Melchers, IT IS anything but common knowl. Archbiehop of Cologne, when exiled from his native land by that masterameliorating the horrors of war, is a piece of Prussian malignity, the sixteenth century, and owes its periods of melancholy introspection dethroned monarch whom the world holds responsible for the late four ST. CAMILLUS, a Neapolitan by years of carnage and horror, may birth, and a soldier by profession in recall the warning of his grand-