

that it cannot be done universally by other means than taxes. It is more important even than business; more important than churches—for it is better to make a sound and fearless Christian worker than it is to try to save a worthless one ill-made.

CHEATING OUR CHILDREN

"And the truth is that we are *not* too poor. We are too stingy—every one of us. We prefer automobiles, cocoa cola (or Angustura bitters) new frocks, lamb chops, and all the balance of the things we buy and could (and recently did) eliminate to the making of a generation and the welfare of our own kith and kin. And I can prove it.

It wouldn't take a \$200,000 bond issue nor \$50 a year in taxes to put not only this school and hospital on its feet and keep it there, but to establish as many as there were children crying for it. Yet, when it came to a pinch, this county so poor that it could hardly squeak \$4,000 for the school raised well over a million dollars for the great crusade against the heathen, of which money at least \$40,000 was given away outright—and several hundred thousand went in taxes never to return.

It was there all right.

Now, I am no socialist. My object is not to take money from men of ability—training—who have earned it. But the money was found, right in this county, in the hundred of thousands. It was paid out in a magnificent cause, willingly, splendidly. And instead of being ruined, or impoverished, we are all richer, and happier, and better because of the sacrifice—which, incidentally, hurt nobody very much. If it did I've overlooked the corpses.

BABIES vs. BOMBS.

If the money is there to be shot into the air, it is just as certainly there to be invested in the health and lives and welfare of our children. It is pure nonsense to deny it. If we choose we can raise \$50,000 a year in this county for education, and hurt nobody. Every man who is responsible for the future of a barefoot boy should make it his business to see that the training was provided. He should be glad to pay his own proportional part—and see to it that his neighbor did.

Of course, the man of means would pay more than the poor man. A very rich man would pay a great deal. He might pay alone more than the \$4,000 a year now given this school. Why not? If they can pay for shells and bombs and torpedoes, surely they can pay to train men. There is just one way—and it is not a tax on land alone. Locate the wealth of this county—it runs in millions—and make it fair all round, and you can begin on us, and tax out of it whatever is necessary to give every child in the Sandhills a sound body and a well stored mind.

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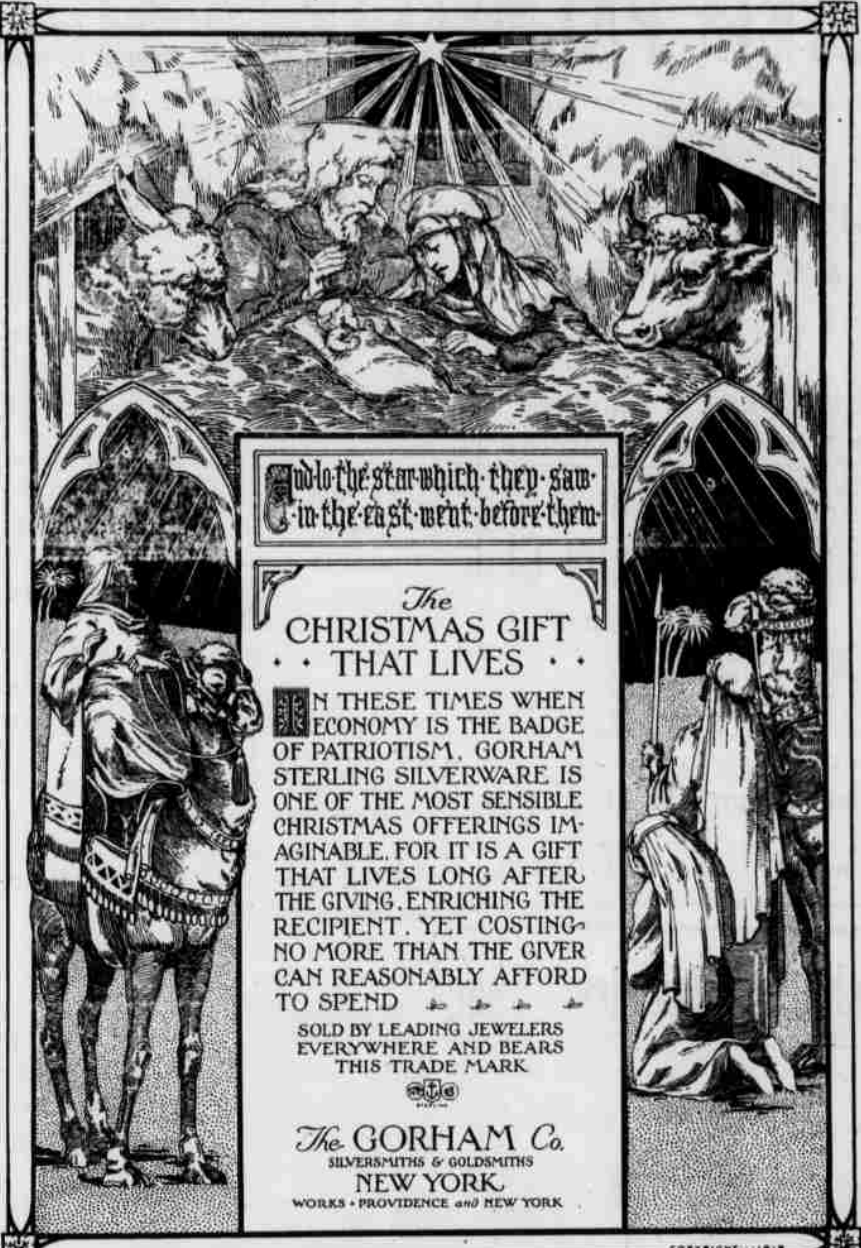
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