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Time, A Healer of Troubles

Time is the greatest healer of trouble and destroyer of malice yet known in the way of solutions.

It seems in a way to be God's looking glass which He holds before the eyes of men that they may take a look at themselves in their sober moments.

Seven years seem to be the cycle of time that changes every spoke in the wheel. It is proven in the case of the many nations so recently engaged in the World war.

Seven years ago practically every important nation on earth was exerting every ounce of power at its command to kill their neighbors. The war dogs were all on the death hunt, every statesman in the known world was engaged in a scheme to kill or to keep from being killed, old and young were engaged in war service, even the ministry was using the pulpit to recruit armies and to stimulate soldiers on to their deadly tasks. We were a war mania, all kinds of animals performing. But now the show is over, the tents are down, the drums are muffled and Germany, France, Belgium, Old England, Tur-

ky and Greece and every other decent country on earth except the United States are sitting at the same table where good sense takes the place of foolishness, where love takes the place of hate, where things are carried on decently and are done in order, where our friends can see our mistakes and help us to mend them.

"Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" sounds louder in that great interval than the terrific crash of Germany's 70-mile gun. Looking over the World Court as it convened last Wednesday and unanimously voted to receive Germany as one of its members of the world family of nations, with France casting the first and loudest aye when the vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous acceptance makes us wonder what mortal fools we were to stage such a fight as we did from 1914 to 1919.

It does seem that if the world had exercised one single sober thought, we might have avoided the World war which resulted in 10,000,000 deaths and a war debt of about \$150,000,000,000. We are wondering after all where all the wise folks were

during that period. About the only explanation yet offered is that every generation has little enough sense to have a war.

It is a fine thing to see France and Germany sitting together as brothers and in such good company as their neighboring nations afford.

This World Court business, (or really Wilson's League of Nations, we have to call it World Court to overcome the selfishness of the Republicans) is going to so civilize and Christianize people that they will be too respectable to have war. It is a great thing. It is what we ought to have had for a thousand years and even longer, because it is nearly two thousand years since Jesus said, "Love thy neighbors as thyself."

Immorality Increasing

It seems as if society's greatest problem is brought about by common men and women who are afflicting it with scabs and scurvy.

There has always been depravity in both men and women, but it was narrowed down to a fairly low percent, and the saving feature was always the attitude of the people around or among whom questionable conduct forced itself.

Now it seems different. People pay less attention and do not even appear to care. One North Carolina county reports fourteen husbands deserting their wives in one week, and most of them leaving large families.

A close check on such things will reveal a very small percent of these cases brought about by the wife. She may have been high strung and even unbearable, or untrue in her life, but a close check will find the fault at the husband's side. In many cases he is found prowling around the country seeking whom he may devour. This class is seen going through the country riding in their automobiles, stopping at hotels, boarding houses and in many cases at some

deserted tenant house around some town or city.

Such people are breaking up homes, taking from others that which they have no right to take, causing untold suffering and spreading sorrow and disease in practically every step.

The automobile has proved a great aid to immorality and prostitution. The increased opportunities make the practice easier, while at the same time making the crime harder to detect.

There is, doubtless, a crying need

for more stringent laws against women prowlers and husband abandoners. Nothing short of a long prison term of the reform type should be given such women and certainly men who suffer themselves to be drawn from their families to follow

such people should be made to suffer a penalty. It is said that in a majority of the cases of the women who are going up and down the country are found to be girls under 21 years of age. Instruction at home is faulty or else this would not be the case.

Martin County Building and Loan Association
Statement of Financial Condition

JULY 31, 1926

ASSETS

Mortgage loans	\$ 92,275.45
Stock loans	16,725.00
Real estate	2,800.00
Accounts receivable	2,389.41
Cash on hand and due from banks	9,231.42
Total assets	\$123,401.28

LIABILITIES

Shareholders installments paid in	\$ 87,001.25
Shareholders prepaid stock	4,950.00
Notes payable	14,700.00
Accounts payable	2,441.11
Profits reserved for prepaid stock	213.90
Profits apportioned to running shares	14,095.02
Total liabilities	\$123,401.28

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, Williamston, North Carolina, as at July 31, 1926, and that, in our opinion, the foregoing statement reflects the true financial condition of the association as at the date named.

(Signed) FREDERICK B. HILL and CO.
Rocky Mount, N. C. Certified Public Accountants.
September 4, 1926.

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