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MAYBE THEY WILL.

Maybe they'll hang Arbuckle—
He needs it, I suppose;
And maybe they'll try to purify
And clean up the movie shows.

Maybe they'll jail old Simmons—
He must be a turbul man;
And maybe they'll fight for what
is right,
And stamp out the Ku Klux
Klan.

Maybe they'll junk the navies,
And disband the armies too;
They will bime-by, but you'd
better not try
To hold your breath till they do.

The "Amateurish" Head.

It is none of my business, I know, but the execution of your top front page illustration of the fools, being so amateurish, tends to give a weakening impression of the many good things your paper contains. Undoubtedly you will some day improve upon the execution of it.

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Well, now, maybe there is something in that. I admit that the heading design isn't a very high grade of art work. But there is one advantage about it—I made it my very own self. Away back yander in 1910 when I first started The Fool-Killer, I took myself off to one side and had a long talk with myself about the matter of a heading design for the paper. We talked about getting an artist to do the work, but neither of us had money enough to pay an artist. So I said to myself:

"You draw it yourself."

And myself replied:

"All right, I will."

And myself did.

When myself got the drawing done and showed it to me I didn't like it very well, but thought it would do. And I have made it do until now.

But of course it does look "amateurish," and is getting considerably worn. So maybe I had better try to get a better one purty soon.

THAT HEATHEN CONFAB.

My very eminently respectable orthodox friend, Mr. Archibald Johnson, the able editor of Charity and Children, is generally supposed to be an incurable optimist. But it seems that the general hellbenitness of the times is beginning to tell on Editor Johnson's nerves. In a recent editorial touching on and appertaining to the forthcoming Disagreement Conference, he ruminates in the manner following:

"Perhaps few of our people have realized the tremendous importance of the conference to be held in Washington by the foremost nations of the world beginning on the day the armistice was signed three years ago. If that conference fails to hasten the day of universal peace for which the weary world is longing, the outlook is dark indeed. It is proposed by the Presbyterians of the South that a day of prayer be appointed by all Christian denominations, that the Lord will lead the nations in this great conference to sound and safe and righteous conclusions. That greed of gain shall have no place in the counsels of the wise men, and that each nation shall have one end and aim in view, and that the general good of all. This suggestion, which has been made by our brethren, is eminently wise, and we hope Christians of every name will fall in with the proposal and that millions of the Lord's children on the designated day on bended knee will ask for divine guidance to the representatives assembled in our national capital. If ever there was need for a national prayer meeting that time is now."

Well, yes.

It is important in a way.

At least, it ought to be.

It could be a very important step toward peace if the real friends of peace had charge of it. But since the whole thing will be made up of slick-duck politicians, each one scheming to feather his own national nest, the chances are ten to one that it will be a step AWAY from peace and toward another big war.

"If that conference fails. . . . the outlook is dark indeed," wails Editor Johnson.

Well, Mister Johnson, I regret to break the sad news to you, but it will fail. Just as sure as God is in heaven, it will fail. And from a human standpoint the outlook certainly is dark. But there is a bright side to it that you do not see. However, there is no use to tell you about that—you wouldn't believe it.

There are several reasons why the Disagreement Conference will be just that and nothing else. To start with, the conference will be composed of the wrong sort of men, and they will come with selfish and dishonest motives. And besides that, they will try to do it all in their own human strength, without even a bare acknowledgement that a Higher Power exists. They will simply ignore God in all their deliberations, just like they did at Versailles three years ago. Even if the so-called Christian nations were really Christian—and they are not—they would still have Japan and China to deal with, and it would be an insult to Japan and China to mention any God except a wooden one. Our good Christian nations will think it is more important to please the heathen than to please God, and so they will just leave God out of it. Just watch and see if they don't.

And yet I am invited to get down and dirty my new breeches praying to God to guide, direct and bless a gang of heathens who will not even acknowledge that there is any God. Well, I just ain't going to do it. I am very well satisfied that God knows His business, and if He wants to bless that heathen conference that is ashamed of His very name, He can do it without any advice from me.

This conference, you understand, is going to be a purely

human effort to prop up the old tottering nations. Well, according to prophecy the time has come for them to fall, and I don't believe God wants them propped up. I believe He is just letting the wicked nations destroy themselves, after which He will set up His Kingdom here on the earth.

The failure of this conference is inevitable, and let it come. I repeat it, let it come. The faster we can plunge on through this nasty mess the sooner we will be out of it and into the Golden Age.

"PRETENDERS."

In discussing the Debs case one day, somebody asked me this question:

"Does Debs' pretend to be a Christian?"

I replied:

"NO! He does not PRETEND! He IS! It is so much of this infernal 'pretending' to be a Christian that has brought the world to the brink of ruin."

And that is the God's truth. The men now in power at Washington are all great "pretenders," and that is why they continue to keep America's best Christian in jail.

When Jesus Christ began his ministry in Palestine he had eleven true disciples and one old "pretender" named Rev. Judas. But in America today he has just about forty million Rev. Judas "pretenders" and just a few true disciples. Debs is the most noted of the true disciples, and there are a few others. And most of them are in jail, or have been recently.

No man can be an absolutely true follower of Jesus Christ in America today and keep out of jail. But he can be a "pretender" and get elected president of the Benited States.

God pity a land where "pretenders" rule and true Christians rot in filthy jails!