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## THE MILLENIUM IS COMING

We are fully persuaded that better times are ahead for the world, but low far ahead we do not know, nor do we know how much the present conflict will have to do with it. The past is forever gone; the future to many of us may never come; only the present is ours. To read even advertisements one would believe that after the war, we shall have unheard of conveniences and luxuries. Throw feed into a hopper and, presto, out comes milk and butter. Short cuts in chemistry will provide medicines and foods that may be almost snatched from the air. Men will have mastered processes that seemingly God himself did not know when he started nature on its long method of growth and production. Yes, verily after this war is over, a situation will be confronted and a condition will exist such that no one need longer prepare for a better existence beyond. The millennium comes tomorrow!

Our conviction is that when peace comes once more, we shall have nothing new. The same old sinful, selfish nature will be reaching out with grasping hands. No new principles will be discovered. The ten commandments will still be the most concise statement of right in Divine and human relationships. No problem that deals with race, nation or government will be solved. We shall have the same kind of people, the same forms of government, the same great principles of justice, truth, righteousness, without change of meaning and significance.

If the experience through which the nations are now passing does not teach them that war never pays, that all are losers, then for the present the world is hopeless. There will be nothing new but another chance—opportunity. No new means or methods will be found. The nations will have to realize that there is no peace, no prosperity, except by recognizing and practicing those principles for regulating society, laid down centuries ago.

Today as in Solomon's day, there is nothing new under the sun. Unless we realize that there will be nothing new in the moral and spiritual world, and much less in the material, with which we must work out our destiny, and that we shall be handicapped for the next hundred years as never before, then the aftermath of this war will be terrible, indeed. Much of the old world will be dead and gone. Only a new race unlike those gone except in what they have learned by the awful scourge and chastening through which we are passing will remain. The new world will not be a better one in any sense except from what we have learned from experience. In other respects it will be much less desirable. Unless God through this war breaks and humbles the race so it is ready and willing to hear and obey him it seems all is hopeless for a better world.

We may plan, invent, create, build, progress, but to sum the future's hopes, aspirations and efforts in one word, we would say that unless we use common sense and obey the will and word of God, then this war is in vain and it will only be a matter of time when the whole catastrophe will be repeated and the race will again stand on the threshold of a chastened ruined world.

Through cycles of struggles, suffering, and dying, the world goes on, ever striving, but never arriving on a higher plane of existence. How soon will God find the race hopeless, and wipe out this old sin and battle scarred world and make a new one in which righteousness reigns and peace abides forever, as was forecasted 20 centuries ago in Revelation?

## SOUND BUT NOT SENSE— ALWAYS

That catchy little phrase invented by President Roosevelt out in the Atlantic, "The Four Freedoms," sounds well, so well that we have almost worn it out just saying it. We wonder if he might not have added a fifth phrase to his four and still there would have been a few nice sounding, impractical things to say about what an ideal government should include.

We clip the following, the first from E. C. Crawford and the other from the Manufacturers Record. They may border on the ridiculous, out they show where an overworked idea will land.

"Only a man in jail can enjoy the four freedoms. He can pray all he wants, talk all he wants, get three meals a day, and his worst enemy can't get at him. Surely this is the final freedom — freedom from freedom."

"It is true that we must all eat to live, but it is also true that 'man cannot live by bread alone'. The man who places 'freedom from want' above 'freedom' should sell himself to a totalitarian government . . . Stimulated by the New Deal idea—it cannot be called philosophy—the people are nudging and crowding each other trying to get something for nothing like hogs at a trough. What will happen to them when the few with brains enough to mix

the swill refuse to carry it to them? It will then be up to them to 'root hog or die.'"

An idea can be worked to death, or carried to the opposite extreme so far as to prove itself as obnoxious and detrimental as the other view. We need to season our thinking and actions by a good bit of old-fashioned common sense and hard work in these changing times. We may be in sight of the millennium, but there are a lot of sensible things to be done before it comes.



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Iola Merritt, Administratrix.  
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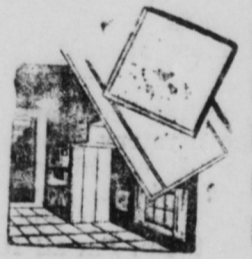
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United States Government Bonds .....	4,495,800.00
Municipal and County Bonds .....	105,000.00
Premium on Bonds .....	15,404.15
Accrued Interest on Bonds .....	21,607.36
Listed Stocks .....	50,000.00
Loans and Discounts .....	694,572.71
Real Estate .....	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures .....	31,616.04
Prepaid Insurance .....	2,378.74
Interest Earned — Not Collected .....	89.75
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance on Life of Officers .....	16,070.40
Overdrafts .....	5.05
Advances to Trusts .....	627.16
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	\$7,779,285.68

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common .....	\$ 150,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred .....	25,000.00
Surplus .....	125,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves .....	145,811.30
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