

Old Men For War Young for Counsel

This Would Stop Wars—Mr. James C. Elliott Writes on the Subject of Patriotism.

(By James C. Elliott.)

I was fortunate in being brought up in the most patriotic age our country has known. We had two distinct brands, Southern and Northern patriotism. A patriotism of self-determination, and a patriotism of determination to hold, for commercial purposes. These brought a sectional war. When I was 18 years old, I entered the school of a new Confederacy to learn the many art of war and was rushed rapidly through all the paces, and graduated at the age of 20. While I am proud of the wisdom gained, I have not realized much financial interest from my military education. The soldiers' mission is to kill and destroy. Pillage and slaughter is an exciting game that young men are taught to play, directed by the old sinners who keep in the background, out of danger. The old Pagan maxim "Old men for counsel and young men for war", has kept humanity hell-bound through the ages.

Let us change it: "Young men for counsel and old men for war." That would bring world peace. Let all the old fools kill out each other, and give the young men a chance to live 40 or 50 years before being slaughtered in war. This is so simple. I don't see why some one has not thought of it before now. When God's chosen people started for the Holy Land He had them to tarry in the wilderness, 40 years until the old sinners died out. The men of today, passing as Christian statesmen are the real worshippers of mammon, corrupting the youth of the land innocence is known only in childhood. If youth goes wrong it follows in the footsteps of the older ones, in pride, envy, covetousness, dishonesty and hatred. One try-out would convince old reprobates that war don't pay the fighters. The greatest character in history fulfilled his mission as a young man, whose wisdom the ages cannot dim, add to or detract for peace on earth and good will to all men.

No wonder human progress has been slow since the flower of youth is destroyed in war and the weaklings left to raise from. No wonder the old saying "We grow wiser (in rascality) and weaker (in pure manhood)." Christ elevated man to sonship of God, placing man above the brutality of war upon his fellows. Any interference with the equal rights of others make war at home or abroad. As in the case of small boys counseled and directed to break eggs on political speakers and to stone Mormon Elders out of town—teaching them intolerance that will hang political opponents and burn religious heretics, making them fit subjects of an invisible empire to destroy law and order, lapsing back to barbarism and anarchy. Dr. Osler said, "chloroform the old sinners." That would stop their evil influence and give fair-minded young men a chance to better conditions. When David was young and pure-hearted he gained his great victory over the Philistines.

"CYCLONE MACK" CLOSES HIS CAMPAIGN AT MONROE

Rev B. F. McLendon closed his four week's campaign in Monroe Monday night with a sermon to an audience half white and half colored. Each Monday night has been given to the negroes, and Monday night, although it was the last, was no exception. Sunday he preached five times and Monday several times. He has preached all over the county at odd hours while carrying on his meeting there. The last service was perhaps the largest attended of any. Every seat was taken, every aisle filled, and the sides of the tent were lifted for standing room. The total collection for expenses was about \$5,000, and the free will offering to the evangelist, taken on the last day ran around \$3,000 Mr. McLendon left for his home at Bennettsville, S. C.

SENATOR COPELAND GETS SOUVENIR OF BATTLEGROUND

Kings Mountain Herald.
Mr. Winfield Styers sent Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York a goblet which he turned from a piece of wood cut near the Battleground. Senator Copeland acknowledged receipt of same in a letter to Mr. Styers in which he says:

"It was a good of you to send me the cup made from wood near Kings Mountain battleground, and I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. I am glad to have this reminder of my interesting and delightful visit to Kings Mountain recently.

"With best wishes, I am, cordially yours," "Royal S. Copeland."

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"Ain't got no sense? What's dis yere haid for?"
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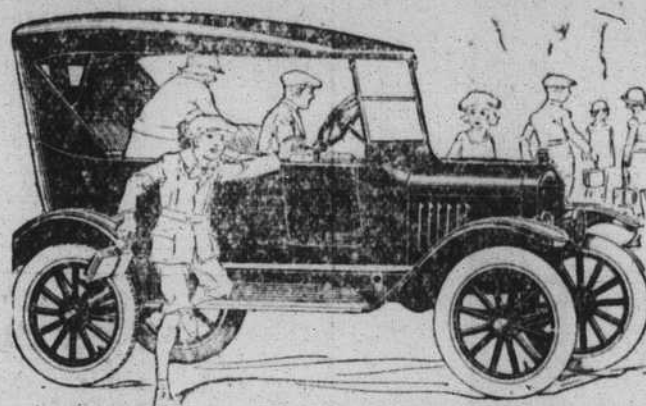


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