

Something To Think About A Merry Christmas

By Bruno Lessing

The significance of the Christmas holiday, according to all the various creeds and churches that try to carry on the teachings of Christ, lies in a message of hope that was given to the world. The Christian doctrine is that the world was doomed to some form or other of damnation until Christ saved it.

This note of hopefulness distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. The New Testament makes it so clear and so alluring that every Christian, no matter what creed he selects, should rejoice over this gift of hope.

What better way could be devised to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Bearer of this message than to do one's best to implant hope in the hearts of those who believe their lives to be hopeless?

Dear Reader! After wishing you a Merry Christmas, this writer wishes to assure you that he is not trying to preach a sermon. Preaching sermons is the trade of clergymen and priests. And writing newspaper articles is the trade of newspaper men. And, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

But no harm can come from a layman presenting a thought which occurs to him and which may, possibly, appeal to others. If the thought be true, it may have some beneficial effect. If it be unsound, every intelligent reader will quickly cast it aside.

The greatest thing in life is hope. Nations, groping to find a solution of their political and economic problems, have nothing but confidence and hope to buoy them up. Individuals, worried, dismayed, incapable of coming to decisions in the affairs of life, have nothing but hope to sustain them.

Nothing in life is certain excepting its termination. Hope is the great, the only beacon light that gives us all warmth and courage to struggle on.

The sky is gray and gloomy today. We hope for sunshine tomorrow.

So, therefore, as long as Christmas Day celebrates the greatest emphasis which ever was placed upon HOPE, why not celebrate it by a sincere effort to give a little hope to those who need it? It's all right to give Christmas

presents. (We're giving our friends cheap cigarette lighters that we picked up in Paris last Summer.) And it's nice to send out cheering Christmas cards.

But after all, aren't those rather cheap and perfunctory ways of celebrating the birth of a great idea?

There are many children in homes and in hospitals who have lost hope. There are many abandoned wives who have lost hope. There are even people who possess material wealth and enjoy physical comfort, who have lost hope.

Why not make it a point to give hope as a Christmas present? How? Oh, that's where your problem begins. It involves thought. It means work. You would rather send a check for \$50 and be done with it. Yes, but that is merely "ducking" the problem.

Yet, if all who believed in the Christian religion were to try to celebrate the birth of its Founder by passing along the message of hope which He gave to the world, you would be surprised at the number of atheists and agnostics and infidels who would follow their example.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

JOBLESS MAN PASSES AS ORPHANAGE TAKES BABES

New York.—His wife confined to an insane hospital, his two children about to enter an orphanage and he himself jobless and penniless, Nathan Ruja, 38, of Brooklyn, dropped dead from heart failure and malnutrition in the infants' home at Borough Park, this afternoon. He fell over and injured his son, Irving, two and a half years old, whom he had brought to leave at the institution.

Several hours previous he had brought his younger son, Leonard, 10 months old, and had left him there. A nurse gave him care and he hastened back for his other child.

WANTED—TO BUY A FORD truck. Must be reasonable and in good shape. Fred Washburn, R-4, Shelby. 2t-24P

FREEDOM DOESN'T BRING HAPPINESS

Modern 'Free Women' Less Happy Than Old-fashioned Married Ones.

New York.—Those revolutionary young women who are "leading their own lives" are finding themselves more unhappy than their old-fashioned sisters, who cling to home and marriage.

This, at least, is the conclusion reached by Dr. Louis Bischof, a leading New York psychiatrist, who, after interviewing dozens of both types professionally, compares them in an article written for the Smart Set Magazine.

Even those who have made a success of a business or profession at the sacrifice of marriage haltingly confess under the psychiatrist's diagnosis that their lives are incomplete, he says.

"On the other hand, there is not a mature woman living, married or single, in home or business, who does not feel that life has cheated her of one or more of her secret ambitions," he declares. "But that occasional regret is quite as common among men.

"Freedom Not Happiness."

"My point is that women are not and cannot be happy when they are absolutely free. Freedom and happiness are not identical terms. Any woman who is absolutely free in her emotional life and free from the natural responsibilities which wifehood and motherhood entail does not enjoy such freedom because freedom is appreciated only when there are restrictions to counterbalance it."

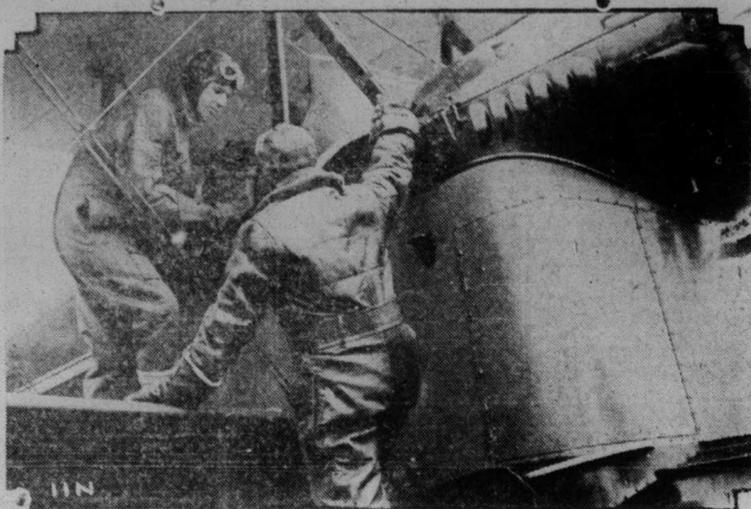
Added to this is the fact that women have inherited a positive desire for the restriction imposed by homemaking and motherhood, his Smart Set article points out.

"I don't say women are happiest when enslaved to the point of throttling every opportunity and desire," he concludes. "But I do say that their emotional make-up is such that they enjoy restrictions more than freedom.

"For centuries women have realized that absolute female freedom would lead to social chaos. And so they have recognized some restrictions as protections. Their emotions are such that they must love to be happy, and love brings restrictions no matter what form it takes.

"Woman's psychological constitution is such that maternity is desirable, often absolutely necessary for well-being. That is a decided restriction. And certainly the rearing of children is enslaving to a de-

Lindy Off on a Hunting Trip



One of the world's best known young men, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, is shown climbing into his amphibian plane in New York harbor. With Harry Guggenheim (back to camera) he took off for a visit and a bit of quail hunting with his friend, Governor Harry S. Byrd of Virginia.

(International Newsreel)

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

Hollywood.—With flicker work scarcer than porcupine quills on a kangaroo's back, it is now popularly believed in the colony that when an actor has klieg eyes it's from the lights accompanying a ballyhoo picture premiere.

Norman Kerry is reckoned to be as hotsy tosy a host as hosts come. His home in Beverly is the favorite rendezvous of many who relish interrupted quiet. Tother eye Norman chucked a party and figured on just a friendly fawsome. He invited Blanche Sweet and "Mickey" Neilan. He (Norman) swailed Sally O'Neill, Jack Pickford arrived with Mary Mulhearn, a stage actress now habbitating here. To cap the climax Ben Lyon walked in with Bebe Daniels and another girl. I trust you grasp the significance of this ultra bohemian gathering! Later, "Mickey" Neilan suggested everybody traipse over to his house, down the road a-piece from Norman's mansion. And everybody did, though I presume when it came to pouring the tall glasses and making sandwiches each person took assiduous care of himself.

They do be chuckling over an example of the John Barrymore well-known ability to poke fun. Bit by bit choice morsels have been wrung from those who personal appeared at the Barrymore-Costello wedding. The latest chortle being the wedding cake. It seems John did instruct the confectionery maestro to crown the cake with two miniature figures one, a fem; the other, a man, said man made conspicuous by the ball and chain gracing his leg. Matrimony must really be amusing.

Having nothing better to do one day, Colleen Moore, Billie Dove, Corinne Griffith, Dorothy Mackaill, Alice White, Maria Corda, Thelma Todd and Betty Compson figured out the ideal movie fem star.

She should be five feet three, weigh 118 and have brown or auburn hair. Not to be deprived of a conference Richard Barthelmess, Milton Sills, Ken Maynard and Jack Mulhall got together to determine the ideal male star.

He should swank five foot eleven and one-half inches (don't forget the half inch, for heaven's sake) of the artistic—yes, artistic—Joe.



NORMAN KERRY

168 pounds.

Screen Scribes:

Jack Dempsey returned from a hurried trip to Aguas Calientes with Joe Benjamin, shopping on Hollywood Boulevard "tother eve with his wife, Estelle Taylor. Maybe it's true Christmas is nearly here. . . . Mary Alden "Lon Chaneying" her way into the Villa Carlotta elevator despite numerous bundles. Mary likes to rattle her own breakfast. . . . Ruth Stonehouse and her husband, Felix Hughes, have now moved into the large house that comes Rupert Hughes and his wife. . . . Ah these artistic directors. Joe Von Sternberg marched onto the porch of his house "tother morn and espied a strange man next door. He called to his wife, Risa Royce. Was that weird creature actually his neighbor? He was. Joe spoke an ultimatum. They must move. They must move anywhere. But they must move. Latest bulletins report Mrs. Von Sternberg searching valiantly for a new roof congenial to the artistic—yes, artistic—Joe.

gree. But you will find that absolute freedom from these things does not make a woman happy. To the contrary, I can name dozens who have found only misery in it."

Bigger And Better Cuss Words, Need

University Professor Sees Need For Cuss Words That Convey Real Meaning.

Chicago.—Bigger and better cuss words have been suggested by Dr. Burges Johnson, professor of English at Syracuse university, as one of the things this country needs.

He told the executive club about it. Profanity that was horrifying a few decades back is now ridiculous in its innocuousness, Dr. Johnson said. Some of the stronger cuss words have been corrupted until now they lack all their original power and significance.

"Gramercy," "Gadzooks" and "Zounds" are some of the corruptions of what once was powerful profanity, he said. Even the words that remain at full strength have lost their power through over-usage and there have come into the lan-

guage no new swear words to replace them.

"Donner and blitzen" once was the acme of cursing in Germany, the professor said, in that it invoked thunder and lightning upon the head of him cursed—a very serious business once upon a time. Now however, thunder and lightning have lost some of their frightening power, so the threat means nothing.

Dr. Johnson said profanity, like Gaulfi is divided into three parts. Exclamatory profanity, he believes is almost a lost art. Assertive profanity has lost its power. In this connection he noted that to answer a question with the simple "I did," is now much more powerful than to say, "by all the stars in the heavens, by Jove and by the devil's spirit, I did so."

Denunciatory profanity, the third type, is almost gone, Dr. Johnson declared. Nowadays, no one takes the denunciatory words seriously.

To prove that there have been no new swear words invented in a long time, Dr. Johnson said Rabelais and Chaucer knew nearly all those now in use, but used them sparingly, and therefore made their use more effective.

"Emphasis is lost to the modern generation," he said. "Newspaper headlines mean nothing through constant use. Modern speech is conducted in tones near the top of the voice, and it is now impossible to gain emphasis by loud speaking. The only possibility for emphasis is by whispering."

DRIVER HELD FOR GOING TOO SLOW IS RELEASED

New York.—Unable to find a statute to cover the case and with no precedent to act as a guide, Magistrate H. Stanley Renaud dismissed the case against the first motorist ever hailed into traffic court charged with operating an automobile too slowly.

Hollis Woman Dies In Shelby Hospital

Mrs. Renda Stiefman, twenty year old woman of Hollis died in the Shelby hospital Friday, leaving an infant six weeks old. Her remains were taken to Hollis for interment. Her husband also survives.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Star Wishes The Best Of The Season For The 4,800 Homes Into Which The Paper Goes

THE CLEVELAND STAR
"Covers Cleveland Completely"



AS THE CHILDREN ARE DRAWN TO SANTA CLAUS WE ARE DRAWN TO THE GIVER OF GOOD GIFTS AT THE BIRTHDAY HOUR OF CHRISTIANITY

J.C. PENNEY CO. INC.

WE WISH ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

