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CAN LEAGUE PREVENT WAR?

Even If It Can't, It Is A Power For Good, Mrs. Shain Says

(Note: This is the second of four articles on the League of Nations.)

By MRS. CHARLES J. SHAIN

We said in last week's article that the United States has no interest in the world's politics. A senator writing to me recently, said, "But the President means to build up the navy and army. A things are now, the President's de sires will carry."

Yet a year ago, on May 7, over the radio the President said, "In these conferences with other nations we are seeking four great objectives: first, a general world reduction of armaments, that means a reduction in armament costs; a cutting down of trade barriers; a stabilization of currencies and the re-establishment of friendly relations and greater confidence between all nations."

On May 16, the President said, "Common sense points out that if any strong nation refuses to join with utmost sincerity in these concerted efforts for political and economic peace, the one at Geneva, the other at London, progress can be obstructed and ultimately blocked." The President at least says he believes in the world co-operation.

"Lopsided" League

Just now I believe the United States could join the League on its own terms. I am not at all sure that popular feeling is against the League. There has never been a national referendum on it or an election in which it was the issue. The statesman who said, "Nations must unite as men units in order to preserve peace and order," was not President Wilson, it was Henry Cabot Lodge. The League from the outset was lopsided—it proceeded without the guarantees that the American nation could have given.

After militant nationalism became the order of the day, governments sent fewer and fewer important delegates to the League. Most people assume the League has executive and legislative powers. That is far from the truth. All decisions arrived at become the law of the land only by the various processes which all nations have for making laws. So far as I know, no great power assumes that the League can legislate for it. No parliament is bound by any of its recommendations. Should we join, there is no power under heaven that could make us enter a war for or against any nation or group of nations unless our Congress so ordered.

One of the objections most often heard is, "What has the League done? Tell me one war it has stopped." The League at least is not alone in this matter of inability to stop war. Since 1918 some 200 agreements have been signed on the matter of security and peace, **outside of the League.** Will these treaties prevent war?

Common Security

So long as nations join international conferences and general guarantees with no intention of keeping their promises, what can be done by any peace machinery which has no coercive power? Nations have just now no intention of delegating their sovereign rights to any world-congress. All the rights of neutrality, of making war, of money standards, of trade tariffs, of immigration, are considered private and domestic. Can any rational being suppose that, until some of these rights are pooled, a common security can grow up?

To my mind the one effective way for the United States to remain at peace with Japan is for our government to work with and through the League of Nations. The situation is another example of how vital interests of the United States are involved with those of other nations and of the League of Nations.

It would sound like nonsense to me to say that our interests in China can be separated from those of other countries. Our obligation in China includes the reconstruction work that is being done there by the League. We are certainly concerned in that effort. If the threatened emergency ripens into a crisis we will need the League and the League will need us.

League In China

I mentioned just now the work of the League in China. Eighteen months ago, without stir or publicity, the League appointed a special committee to help advise and set up means for China's reconstruction. This extends to fields of communication, agriculture, administrative reform, education and health.

China is a country larger than the United States, Mexico and Central America, a people more numerous than any other single power. The League's investigations are quite a new adventure in that the strong are lending their strength to strengthen the weak instead of using it to further weaken the weak. Sir Arthur Salter is advising on financial questions, Jean Monnet is organizing committees all over the world of men interested in the Chinese markets. The list is long of the expert people who are actually in China to help her get on her feet. Japan's chief objection has been (so she says) the lack of order and the absence of authority of the Chinese over themselves and their robber bandits.

What we don't know about League of Nations activities far exceeds what we do know. Next week I want to touch upon the amazing quantity of work being done by the secretaries of the League, the International Labor Office, the Committee for Intellectual Co-operation, and others.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Forbes S. Hascall, justice of the peace: "For some offenses, no punishment would be half so effective as the whipping post."

Church News

First Baptist Church
Willits at Bates St.
Rev. L. Earl Jackson, M. A., Minister

"Faith That Works" is the theme of the sermon at the Sunday morning service, beginning at 10:30. This is the second of two sermons illustrated by great hymns, contrasting the meditative and active aspects of religion.

Special music directed by A. Shanley Rosso, organist. Story, processional and activities for children.

Church school session, 11:40 to 12:30 with classes for all ages.

Union young people's meeting in the Methodist Church at 6:15, Mr. Jackson leading a discussion of the race question and of the church and politics.

"A Young Man's Fancy" will be the theme of the evening service at 7:30.

The fourth of five sessions of the union Christian World Institute will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A cordial welcome to all services.

First Presbyterian Church
W. Clarence Wright, M. A., Pastor

Bible School convenes at 9:45 A. M. with 25 classes for youth and adults.

Morning worship will be conducted by Mr. Wright at 11 A. M. The Presbyterian Quartet will sing. "The Practice of Christian Faith—Its Value" will be the theme of the sermon. A junior sermon will be presented also. A kindergarten is conducted during this hour to care for children under seven years of age.

Christian Endeavor Societies will meet at 6:30 P. M. One group for young people and senior high students will meet in the main floor parlor. The junior high society will convene in the basement dining rooms.

The evening service having been discontinued for the season, worshippers are commended to the services held in the Baptist and Methodist Churches at 7:30 P. M.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Maple Avenue West at Henrietta

10—Church School. Junior, intermediate, and senior departments. Men's Forum in the Community House.

11:10—Morning Worship. Sermon, "How Christ Fed the Multitude." Beginners' and primary departments.

6:15—Intermediate League. Union meeting of the Senior Epworth League and Baptist young people, on the study of "Today's Youth and Tomorrow's World."

7:30—Evening service. Sermon and special music.

Wednesday, 7:30—Fourth session of the Christian World Institute, at the First Baptist Church. Classes on "How to Teach Religion," "Christian Parenthood," "Differential Methods," and "Great Christian Teachings."

Christian Science Church
Chester and Willits Streets

Church each Sunday at 10:30 A. M.
Wednesday at 8 P. M.
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.
Reading room in the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily except Sundays and holidays. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

"Probation after Death" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 29.

Among the Bible citations was the passage (Luke 24: 50, 51): "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, included the following (p. 46): "In his final demonstration, called the ascension, which closed the earthly record of Jesus, he rose above the physical knowledge of his disciples and the material senses saw him no more."

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis, rector
Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, assistant

Morning prayer, 11 A. M.
Church School, 11 A. M.
Vespers, 4 P. M.
Carillon, 5 P. M.
Holy Communion, first Sunday of each month at 8 and 11 A. M.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Phones: Rectory 139; Office 2356

8 A. M. Holy Communion.
11 A. M. Holy Communion and sermon.
Church School, 9:45 A. M. Senior and intermediate classes.
11 A. M. Junior and kindergarten classes.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodland
Rev. James W. Cotter, Pastor
Rev. A. J. Brunett, Assistant

Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, 11 A. M. and 12:15 P. M.
Holy Day Masses, 7 and 9 A. M.
Daily Masses, 6:45 and 8:15 A. M.
Baptisms Sunday by appointment.
Confessions: Saturdays, from 4 to 5:30 P. M., and from 7:30 to 9 P. M.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward

Rev. Theodore G. Wurgaszer, Jr., pastor, will conduct the services.
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
Morning worship, 11 A. M.

Franklin M. E. Church
Rev. E. E. Robinson, pastor

Morning Worship, 9:45 A. M.
Sunday School 11 A. M.

Birmingham Community Church
Rev. Asa Richardson, pastor

Residence, 61 Lennder avenue, Hazel Park.
Service in Room 4, Pierce School, at 7:30 P. M., Sunday.
Sermon theme for May 6: "Could You Have Done It?" Mrs. Roy Reynolds of Pontiac will sing. Visitors will find a home atmosphere and a cordial welcome. Strictly non-sectarian.

United Presbyterian Church
Miss Janet O. Kerr, 424 Pierce St., Bible School Missionary.

Sunday services:
Bible School, 11 A. M.
Morning Worship at 10 A. M.
Rev. Ross Wilson of Auburn Heights will preach.

Embury Methodist Church
Bennaville Ave.
Rev. John Marvin, pastor

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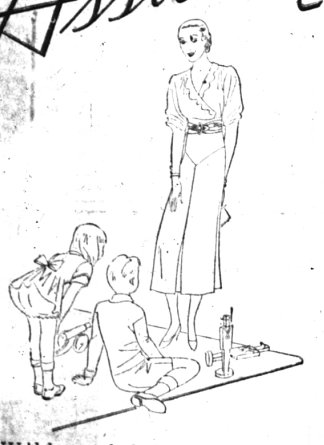

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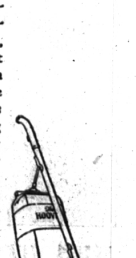

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