

Arbor Day, which is appropriately observed in the schools of Colorado in April. The Woman's Club of Arnott, Wis., Mrs. E. J. Carley, President, is offering a prize in three county schools of the Badger State to the child who is first to find and identify the largest number of birds in a given time. Prof. Elmer Van Arsdall, County Superintendent of Richland County, Illinois, announces that an interesting feature of their Liberty Bell Bird Club Day program, for April 9th, will be the bringing of home-made bird-houses to school, where a prize will be given for the best and nicest-looking bird-house made by a pupil. Membership without cost in the Liberty Bell Bird Club can be secured by addressing the club of The Farm Journal, Philadelphia.

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## PRESS OPINIONS

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### Now Is the Time to Stop.

Dundee (Scotland) Free Religious Movement.—Shall we fight it out? Why should we? Shall we say enough? Why not? War is mutual destruction for the peoples. It increases the power of the feudalist and financier. It adds heavier burdens to the people. It is folly! folly! folly! But it is not an accident; it is the bursting of a tumor, a social disease. It can only be cured by truth and justice and good will and friendship. The Eternal Truth that shone out in ancient Palestine is shining today for all who look. But those who look for it among Kaisers, Czars, Kings, Presidents and other eminent persons will look in vain. As of yore, it will be seen by the people when the glamor of worldly glory pales before the light of a newborn humanity, and the peoples will work together with zest and freedom for the establishment of the rule of truth and love. But the artificial barriers must go—the opposing and jealous governments, the customs houses, the frontier guards, the social castes, the idle rich, the idle poor, the feudal lord, the money lord—there is no place for them in the redeemed Earth that is to be; for it will be inhabited by those who serve each other in love and good will—they will not be British, nor German, nor French, nor Belgian, nor Russian, nor Turk, nor Austrian, nor Servian; not Jew, nor Christian, nor Moslem, nor Hindoo; not theist nor atheist, but truth-loving, just-living men and women of every race and of every religion.



### Drawing Herrings Across the Trail.

The Ground Hog (Cleveland), March 6.—Every little while we hear from another of those . . . commissions for the investigation of the social evil. Invariably they report that prostitution and poverty have no relation, which is equal to saying a hungry man couldn't be tempted to steal. . . . Of course . . . it would be disagreeable to charge that women prostitute themselves because they can't get enough money legitimately. So, notwithstanding that well advised men and women everywhere know that these vice commission reports are a fabric of silly lies, the commissions continue to be organized, to draw their pay, directly or indirectly, from the people's purse, to make their farcical inquiries and

gravely to submit their criminally stupid reports. The American people have a greater reverence for tradition, for nickel-plated authority, and for the sociological fakes than any other nation. Always remember that America is the home of the green goods, the gold brick and the wire-tapping games, and it is also the kale-garden of the land-value grafter. Distract the typical American's attention with a "vice" or "white slavery" investigation and gyp him for his bankroll. It's so easy it's pathetic. It's like taking candy from the baby. There's nothing to it.

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### MEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

H. J. Dawtrey.

In Dundee (Scotland) Free Religious Movement. Men on the battlefield, burying the slain, What do you think of it, you, working men? Called from your homes to commit deeds of shame, Deeds that a decent man shudders to name. Democrats! say, shall your labors be vain? Pass the word round, men: "Never again!"

Caught in the toils of a system insane: What are you fighting for, you, working men? Pawns in a game for kings: ruthlessly driven To butcher your fellows, and no reason given: This, that a handful of monarchs may reign; Pass the word round, men: "Never again!"

Down with all monarchs! the peoples must reign, Democrats! say, shall your labors be vain? Over the graves of the slain pledge your vow: Now is the time to strike, aye, even now: Make the word ring o'er the broad battle-plain, "Never again, men, never again!"



### EUROPE'S ONLY SALVATION.

The following letter was sent from Paris to the "Philadelphia Evening Telegraph" by its Staff Correspondent in Europe, Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons, under date of March 3, 1915:

Notwithstanding the fact that every man in these days of passion, who tries to use his sober judgment and to speak of realities rather than chimeras, is looked upon as a poor patriot, I see growing in Great Britain and France a group of thinkers, who are honest and sincere and who really want the war to bring about the results which Asquith and Lloyd George and Viviani and Deschanel are proclaiming from the housetops.

These men say that if this is a war for humanity, for civilization, for getting rid of militarism, for establishing a durable peace in Europe, and for freeing the lesser nationalities from the oppression of larger racial groups, we must begin now to

discuss and to lay down the principles upon which the peace is to be made.

The prophet of the twentieth century, as events have proved, is Norman Angell, who wrote that wonderful book, "The Great Illusion." If his sound logic had been followed, there would be no war now. It was by ignoring the principles laid down by Mr. Angell that Europe was brought into this conflagration. Mr. Angell has recently written a pamphlet, "Will the European War Destroy German Militarism?" in which he lays down with a force and logic that cannot be gainsaid a series of conclusions. These conclusions must appeal to the common sense of all his readers. If they do not, it is indicative of the hopeless prejudice and lack of balance in the reader.

Mr. Angell reminds his readers that the Allies have gone into this war for the purpose of destroying Prussian militarism, and freeing the world from the menace of German world domination. He shows the folly of believing that bad faith, cruelty in war, greed for world markets, aspiration for world domination and all the various things of which Germany has been accused, are the peculiar product of German civilization, and have never made their appearance in any other nation in the world. He considers it folly for any man in his sober sense to think that the breaking up of the German empire is going to free the world from all these things, which are supposed to be exclusively German in practice and usage. He declares that it is impossible to suppress German nationalism; that Germany, even crushed temporarily, will quickly rise again; that past history has shown only too strikingly how unstable are alliances and how they change with changing necessities, and that the annihilation of Germany by the Allies is a phrase absolutely void of sense. Any such idea is only going to result in the increase of militarism in Europe. Mr. Angell ends his pamphlet, which is being widely circulated in the French translation, by the statement: "The Allies must show after this war that they do not desire to be the masters of the German people or of the German States, but that they are collaborators and associates in a Europe, in which none will dominate, but in which all will share."

For the purpose of furthering the cause of the world's peace and of obtaining the results for which the statesmen of France and Great Britain declare their respective nations are fighting, an organization has been formed in London called "The Union of Democratic Control." Its aim is to influence public opinion to follow a new and bold policy, once victory is obtained over Germany. This Union has a branch in France, and it is to be hoped that the propaganda will be rapid among the intelligent people of both nations.

For, only by the adoption of the principles of

the Union of Democratic Control—principles which all wise men must realize, even if they do not admit them—will the world receive any benefit from this war.

Here are the principles:

1. No province shall be transferred from one government to another, without the consent, by plebiscite, of the population of the interested province.

2. No treaty, arrangement or undertaking shall be concluded in the name of Great Britain, without the sanction of Parliament. Adequate means shall be created in view of assuring the democratic control of foreign policy.

3. The foreign policy of Great Britain shall not tend to create alliances with the end of maintaining "The European Equilibrium"; it shall have for end the establishment of a League of Powers and the creation of an International Council, whose deliberations and decisions will be public. A part of the work of this Council shall consist in creating definite arbitration treaties, and in establishing an Arbitration Court for their interpretation and their application.

4. Great Britain shall propose, as an essential part of the treaty of peace, a plan for the rigorous reduction of the armaments of all the belligerent powers, by agreement of each one of them. In the end of facilitating this policy, Great Britain will endeavor to accomplish the general nationalization of the manufacture of armaments and to prevent the exportation of arms from one country to another.

To the thoughtful reader, the importance of these principles is patent. I believe none will deny or be able to controvert the statement that the adoption of these principles is the only chance of securing peace and harmony in Europe after the present war. Every thinking man, no matter how strong may be his passions and prejudices, should join this Union of Democratic Control, and give it his wholehearted support. He should preach its doctrines in whatever circle he finds himself, no matter how misjudged he may be by shallow people.

After a long and intimate experience with contemporary European wars and with the working out of the policies that made the struggles inevitable in the Balkans and that made the present war inevitable, I have come to the conclusion that the political leaders of France and Great Britain, who are preaching today the war for freedom and civilization and are, at the same time, closely allied with Russia and with Serbia, are hypocrites—unconscious hypocrites, but hypocrites all the same. Unless they are one or all ousted from power by some popular movement of the people, the sum total of all efforts will be to exchange the militarism and the tyranny they claim to be fighting against for another militar-

ism and tyranny, not a whit better, and in the east certainly worse.

Here are some sober statements of fact.

The French are afraid to advocate the policy of plebiscite because they know that Alsace and Lorraine would vote to remain with Germany.

The British are afraid to advocate the policy of plebiscite, because it would make untenable their position in Egypt and would result in the Poles deciding for either Austria or Germany instead of for Russia.

The Russians are already intimating to France and Great Britain that there must be no interference with Russian internal policies after the war. If France and Great Britain agree to this, it means that they are putting upon the Poles, the Finns, the Jews, the Armenians, the Turks and other unhappy races of the Balkan States a slavery far worse than that which they would have under German rule.

The Poles prefer the Germans and Austrians to the Russians, and the Christians of Turkey prefer the Turks to the Russians.

The support, then, of the principles of the Union of Democratic control is the only salvation of Europe. There is no other.



## THE SECRET OF PROPHECY.

For The Public.

Some 2,500 years ago our old and esteemed friend Isaiah described "a new heaven and a new earth," but he wisely refrained from naming any specific date for the advent of the new dispensation. The same identical phrase is repeated in "Revelation." Some centuries after Isaiah came Jesus, the carpenter's son, and declared: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," and so it was, for him, since the "kingdom of heaven (or harmony is) within you." Isaiah uttered a prophecy; something to be experienced in future. Jesus stated two facts based on his own personal experiences. For present purposes I propose to classify the former as a divine lawyer and the latter as a psychologist.

When the ancient Greeks of Lacedaemonia discovered the law of balance in its relation to psycho-physics (the master-science) and expressed that law in three words: "Nothing Too Much;" they endeavored to monopolize their secret, as they found it a source of unlimited wealth and the power that goes with it. Isaiah followed the same source of secrecy, for he does not reveal the real source of his "gift of prophecy." Here it is: He who is familiar with the law of balance, in its relation to human affairs, sees clearly that just so long as the law is not obeyed, human affairs will be out of balance, or upside down, as it were, and knowing that sooner or later a certain spiritual force will conquer, or balance the

physical forces, he is absolutely safe in predicting that things will be right side up. When they are right side up we will have "a new heaven and a new earth," and the signs of the times indicate that the kingdom of heaven is at last at hand. We are rapidly approaching the turning point in the history of the race, and the darker things become the more certain it is that this prophecy will be fulfilled. Thought governs the world, and we are thinking as we have never thought before. Those who lose the most will think the most, and thus we see the law of compensation, which is one aspect of the law of balance. In fact, those who survive the present Armageddon will in many cases understand for the first time the meaning of the words, "Ye must be born again," and these in turn may become the little leaven that will leaven the whole lump. I foresee the greatest spiritual awakening that the world has ever seen, and for reasons flowing from the science of psychology its effect on the church, as an institution or system, promises to be disastrous. The blind have been leading the blind and they are both falling into the ditch of ignorance of law.

I have referred to "a certain spiritual force," and it is high time that we became familiar with its operations on the human spirit. The career of Mohammed will serve to illuminate the question before us. We have known for a long time, in a general way, that ideas rule the world, so the following queries are pertinent at this time:

What idea enabled Mahommed to fuse together in irresistible solidarity and unity the "barbarous" tribes of Arabia, who had been waging relentless war on each other for a thousand years?

What idea enabled these Saracens to conquer half of so-called Christian Europe, during the "Dark Ages," that enabled these inspired men to conquer more territory in eighty years than the Romans conquered in eight hundred years?

"What gave power to the sword of Mohammed?" asks Carlyle.

The answer is amazingly simple, but you will seek in vain for that answer in any of the "seats of learning" throughout Christendom, and here it is:

It was the idea of justice and that idea is destined to sweep the world.

Mohammed was the first Protestant, not Luther. Mohammed said: "God is just and merciful," and on that eternal foundation his mighty work was builded. Just as Jesus was love incarnate, so was Mohammed justice incarnate, and the history of events during the past two thousand years proves that Mohammed had the most practical idea of the two, and the reason is this:

Justice is the soil from which love must spring. We will never understand a god of love until we first understand a god of justice. Justice, conceived by the early Greeks as a goddess, is the mother of all the virtues. Justice, when applied