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### Children Do Not Matter?

There is a school at Gleadall-street, Richmond (Melbourne), which was built about seventy years ago. It accommodates children of ages from 5 or 6 up to the early teens.

A cursory inspection by a press reporter recently disclosed the following glaring defects in the ancient buildings and the accommodation they provide:

"In the southern corner of the school is a crack through the brick wall and extending from the top of a window on the ground floor to the roof. It is easily visible in a classroom on the upper floor.

"In a small retiring room on the ground floor daylight can be seen through a split extending from floor to ceiling, and in a passageway leading to the room another crack, ranging from half-inch to two inches, extends the height of the room. Plaster has fallen from both places in the last few days.

"An area in the playground immediately beneath a chimney has been roped off. Miss V. A. Batty (headmistress) said today that when a strong north wind blew the chimney leaned at a dangerous angle. Authorities had promised to remove the danger as soon as possible.

"Forty-one children, nearly all 12 years old, were seated in one room 20ft. x 22ft., some of them three to a desk measuring 3ft. 6in. wide. Miss Batty, who has been headmistress at the school for 15 months, and 30 years in the employ of the Education Department, said 50 girls were on the class roll. Small classes were held in the room when possible, but generally it was found impossible to avoid over-crowding. The 41 children were in it practically the whole day.

"Similar conditions exist in the next room on the ground floor, and in a room on the first floor, where there is no artificial lighting to offset the dimness—the windows are small."

The Minister for Education admitted last year that the school was fit for the hands of the wreckers alone, but nothing has been done. The parents of the children have been moving heaven and earth to have a new school built.

It has now been officially decided that as the building of a new school "would involve a large amount of money," alternative means will have to be considered. Probably the elder children will be packed off to other and already overcrowded schools in or near Richmond, and the infants will be left at Gleadall-street after some patching.

This decision is scandalous. During the whole of the seventy years of the school's life, can it truthfully be said that there has been a lack of bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters, materials, and so on, to keep the school in repair. Do we now lack the labour, skill and materials necessary to build a new school?

The only things lacking are two in number—one a lack of the costlessly created ticket, called money, and the other an Education Department with some pretence of being an Education Department and not an instruction and mental conditioning department.

The Education Department should be leading the fight against a money system, which renders possible this scandalous state of affairs, in which we have everything necessary to build a good school, but allow private interests to tell us that we cannot build because there are no money tickets.

Children, who are powerless to help themselves, and who are under legal compulsion to go to school, are the potential victims of this lunacy. They stand in danger of life and limb—because rebuilding would "involve a lot of money." If this is the best the Minister and educational leaders can make of the situation, it is time they unlearned all that their copy-books and newspapers have crammed into their heads about money, and learned the simple elementary facts of money. If they have ceased through mental atrophy to be able to do this, they should all be invited by Sir John Harris to his winery at Rutherglen, where host and guests should put their heads in a cask of Rutherglen "dry red" three times and take them out twice.

Just think it over, and consider your own private feelings if your child should happen to be the child standing beneath the chimney when the north wind eventually dislodges it.

### Assurance Control

Under the Constitution the Federal Parliament has powers to legislate on many subjects on which it has, as yet, passed no legislation. For instance, it did not pass bankruptcy laws and bring them into effect until 1929. It has made no attempt to remedy abuses in divorce law, which arise from the fact that for divorce purposes citizens have a domicile in some one State, and not an Australian domicile.

Insurance and assurance have so far been controlled solely by State laws. In Victoria an inquiry is proceeding into the abuses of industrial assurance, and in the event of an adverse finding, one might expect State legislation to be passed to regulate this branch of life assurance.

It is at this stage that the Federal Government has announced its intention to legislate. In any case of conflict between State and Federal power, the Federal legislation prevails.

Although State Premier Dunstan has not yet appeared to be a wholehearted monetary reformer,

he has given some evidence of willingness to placate public demands even if this means treading on the corns of financial interests.

The legislation intended to be passed by the Lyons-Casey Government will be on strictly orthodox lines, and will make it obligatory for all life assurance business to be conducted in accord with proper deflationary principles.

Premiums and benefits will not be regulated, but the companies will have their investments regulated; they will all have to establish "adequate reserves," and perhaps even to lodge a cash deposit with the Federal Treasury.

This proposed Bill will suit the books of the large established companies extraordinarily well, and will result in a still further immobilisation and short-circuiting of money.

### Defence and the Loan Council

The Loan Council is to meet at Melbourne on April 21, and Mr. Casey and banking interests generally have decided that there shall be a discussion of borrowings for defence purposes, in spite of the fact that the raising of money by public flotation for defence purposes is outside the scope of the Financial Agreement and accordingly outside the scope of the Loan Council.

The purpose of discussing defence is undoubtedly to induce the States to restrict their borrowings for social services. The financial system will not stand a rapid increase of debt. The debt structure is already top-heavy.

We find that the English banking system is faced by a somewhat similar problem. It is reported that municipal authorities in England are causing Montagu Norman's heart to miss a few beats by the fact that their debt (£1,500,000,000) is increasing at the rate of £100,000,000 a year.

£1,500,000,000 is a tidy addition to the National Debt of £8,000,000,000.

The *Herald* reports on the matter as follows:

"The Government has sent out a circular instructing them to cease borrowing money on such a wholesale scale.

The Bank of England—which acts as the Government's financial adviser in these matters—has informed the Chancellor of the Exchequer that if councils go on borrowing at the present rate they will create great difficulties in connection with the flotation of the Defence Loan, of which £300,000,000 still remains to be issued.

"Loan authorities are warned that in future they must pay a bigger share of their expenditure out of each year's rates, and not pass the burden on to posterity.

"Small schemes will have to be defrayed entirely out of revenue.

"And on big schemes, where it is obviously impossible to meet the whole cost in one year, the period for which loans will be granted will be shortened."

Readers of the *New Times* will be charmed by the tactfulness of the expression that the Bank is the Government's "adviser" in financial matters.

"Dictator" is the word and the Government's acceptance of the "advice" is to be deplored.

We have, in the physical sense,

## IDIOT MAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Civilisation Will Not Survive Another World War

By ROBERT POLLOCK

Prof. Richet, the French scientist, in his book, *Idiot Man*, is convinced "That the minds of men today are not healthy or sane." In Nicholas Berdyaev's book, *The Destiny of Man*, he has come to the conclusion that "the lust of greed and love of money for its own sake creates one of the most fantastic worlds, furthest removed from the real world of being—i.e., the world of Capitalism of Banks, Stock Exchanges, paper money, cheques, debts, advertisement, competition and pursuit of easy gain." Berdyaev's opinion of "The Financial world is that it is a phantasmagoria remote from the world created by God."

Sir Alfred Ewing, in his presidential address to the British Association, 1935, "Sees a promised land that the bounty of science has ushered in without an ethical prepared people to enter it."

#### Man and His Environment

The very essence of man as distinct from the fowls of the air, and the beasts of the field, is that he is the maker of his own environment, and responsible for it, and the kind of man it helps to create. Idiot man today has created a pandemonium—i.e., a world with abundance in which the masses experience poverty amidst plenty, and are menaced with another world war that would destroy this civilisation at any moment. The titanic powers of our machines are fettered by our political folly—i.e., a contradiction of economic good sense. The present economic system is operated for the personal gain of small groups of self-interested men, and is based on jungle law, the same as that of the animals and the savage; antagonistic to all social law or higher development, causing a perilous distortion of fellowship between individuals and nations, and embodying the military state in an unnecessary economic struggle.

The notorious military text books of the Commercial Nations today put all questions of right feeling, justice, sanctity of treaties, or even of humanity aside, and make personal gain, self-interest, and expediency as the only principles to be applied in all circumstances. If the peoples of the nations cannot rapidly adapt themselves to promptly change their environment to the world-changes of our age they are doomed to perish.

*Peace is no longer a lofty ideal; it is a condition of our survival from a world catastrophe.*

The Roman civilisation was destroyed by an eruption of barbarians from without. This civilisation will be ended by the fratricidal strife of peoples or nations equal in their murderous proficiency in all the arts of chemical warfare.

#### Civilisation Digs Its Grave

Few understand the magnitude of materials now ready to end this

everything required to carry out a defence programme (if really necessary), and to carry out necessary State or municipal projects. The restrictions of a privately operated debt money system alone sabotages our activities. Government must cease to accept financial dictation. They must assert their sovereignty, and they must institute monetary principles, which will avoid the misery of debt.

civilisation. We are spending thousands of millions of money each year to exterminate ourselves by the combined effects of poison gas, fire, and high explosives. Prof. Angelo, an expert, tells us that no fortification, armour plating, can now resist high explosives, and that poison gas can reach everywhere. *How comforting to know this!* The Russian Aviachim Society for chemical warfare also informs us that a city of half a million people can be turned into a city of corpses by a small squadron of 40 aeroplanes—this is really stimulating news for most of us; while the next war promises that big cities like London, Paris, Berlin and Rome will have a visitation of hundreds, or possibly a thousand, 'planes carrying explosive, bombs, poison gas and electric incendiary bombs over one hundred times more deadly than those used during the war of 1914-1918.

In the biggest air attack during the last war only 36 German 'planes took part, while at the recent air manoeuvres in England 250 'planes took part in the night air raid to destroy London. The military authorities estimated that only 16 'planes were sighted by the searchlights, and 232 'planes got through to end London. *How cheering this news must be to all of us!*

#### Mass Murder

Major Endres tells us that in the next war the masses will be annihilated by gases thrown from aeroplanes, while our English Colonel Marsh tells us there is no defence against a well-organised attack from the air.

Prof. Haber, of Berlin, the famous originator of gas warfare, tells us the catastrophes of the coming world war are beyond the human imagination to conjure up. Spain and China are mere incidents! At the end of the last war we experienced the beginning of aerial and gas warfare. The British and French 'planes that were prepared to attack Berlin during 1919 baffled description, while Field-Marshal Ludendorff (Commander-in-Chief of the German Army), in his memoirs, let us know that during the end of 1918, had the Armistice not been made, he had a plan to fire London. Lieut.-General von Metzsch (Germany) says the terms "rear front," "home front," no longer exist. Everywhere is now front. Lieut.-General Altmack, in the official magazine of the German Army, states that the next war takes the form of mass murder. General Sir Reginald Hart (Great Britain) reports millions of lives will be lost in a few hours.

The electric incendiary bomb, when it strikes a building or the street, will raise a temperature of 3000 degrees—twice the heat of a furnace's flames—which will spread hundreds of feet on all sides. Lord Halsbury, in the House of Lords on the 14th July 1928, said that 40 tons of Diphenal Cyanasarm would suffice to destroy London. Alas, could any chapter of horrors exceed this short summary of idiot man's achievements? *Can we avert this catastrophe?*



## THANKSGIVING FOR WHAT?

### Anzac Service and Prayers

Sir, —

God's name has been frequently mentioned in the public argument regarding the form the Anzac memorial service should take, and I have been wondering what God must think of it all. Unfortunately, we cannot know, but we can, at least, try to get some understanding of the realities of the situation.

If you were God, what would please you more—words or deeds? You would answer, "Deeds," and that is exactly what God prefers, for is it not written: "Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but *he that doeth the will of my Father.*" All these "leaders" who are publicly arguing about Anzac Day and the "reign of God," should, therefore, be required to indicate what they have actually *done* to secure justice for the men of Anzac and to establish the reign of God on the earth. If we could parade them, it would probably be the case of Belshazzar over again: "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." Instead of insisting upon the reign of God, they have accepted, and even encouraged, the reign of Finance, the false god, Mammon.

#### Archbishop Head's Views

Archbishop Head, speaking in the name of the Anglican section of the community, wrote a special letter to the newspapers on the subject, including the following:—

"1. We see in China and in Spain and in Abyssinia to what abyss of horror war leads when no sanction is recognised but that of the force of a human power.

"2. Surely this is not the moment when we would abandon the public recognition that we are a Christian nation.

"3. The prayers and hymns are a witness to our gratitude for the goodness of God, through all the suffering and trial in those years of the war, and an expression of our continuing trust in His guidance for the future.

"4. And, again, they are the witness to our hope of immortality for those who then laid down their lives, and our corporate desire to follow in their steps, through whatever sacrifices, to the same goal of the reign of God.

"5. To leave God out of our solemn gathering would be untrue to the religious beliefs of the great majority of the nation."

#### An Abyss of Horror

Was Dr. Head speaking seriously? If he was, does he really be-

lieve that the war of 1914-1918 did *not* lead to an abyss of horror, and is that why he did not include it with China, Spain and Abyssinia? Was there nothing horrible in the slaughter of millions of men, in the destruction of magnificent buildings and the laying waste of the countryside, in the maiming of millions of those who escaped actual slaughter, in the bombing of cities teeming with defenceless women and children, in the use of poisonous gas, and in the blockading of countries for the deliberate purpose of bringing starvation and torture to the civilian population? Or is war only horrible when *others* are conducting it? What sanction, other than the force of a human power, was recognised at that time? If God was in it, what part did He play, which side did He favour, and of what part was He most proud? Did He laugh at the Germans and Austrians, who prayed to Him as we prayed?

#### Christian in Name Only

Where is the sense in having a public recognition that we are a Christian nation if we are not acting, as a Christian nation should act? If you were God would you be satisfied with a public profession that was contrary to public practice? If we *are* a Christian nation, how do we explain the disgraceful fact that, although God has been exceedingly bounteous in material necessities, poverty still stalks the land; hospitals are still inadequate, maternal mortality is still alarmingly high, our natural increase of population is still alarmingly low, slum conditions still go from bad to worse, potholes are still to be found in most of our roads, our footpaths are still a disgrace to our municipalities, lack of bridges still seriously impedes traffic movement, country towns are still in darkness at night, good food and useful materials are still being destroyed while people starve and shiver, we still have to change trains at inter-State borders because the railway gauges have not been made uniform, as repeatedly promised; huge sums of money are still being spent on war measures, even while the spenders preach peace; suffering is still endured in country areas because of the absence of the means to summon medical aid; sanctimonious preachers still prate of the need for a change of heart to people who have no change of clothes; clowns still talk about religion and prayer, as if the stomach is filled and life sustained by sentiment; wheatgrowers and other producers are still in debt and distress: and the men "very learned

in the science of economics," still keep the people hypnotised about money! And, despite all these pressing needs, for which we have all the physical necessities in plenty, hundreds of thousands of our compatriots are in idleness and destitution. These things are not signs of Christianity. They are signs of the rule of the false god, Mammon (Finance), against which Jesus particularly warned us. We hypocritically call out, "Lord, Lord!" without attempting to observe the rules the same Lord has laid down for our benefit.

#### The Goodness of God

Is it really true that the prayers and hymns are a witness to our gratitude for the goodness of God, through all the suffering and trial in those years of the war? In what way did the goodness of God manifest itself? And is it not a fact that our "enemies" on that occasion also thanked God for goodness of the same kind? I suggest that it was blasphemy, and that it still is blasphemy. The goodness of God was manifested in the wonders of nature and the fertility of the earth, but these, intended for the benefit of man, were perverted by an insane financial system to man's destruction. Our mothers do not have to thank God for the loss of their soldier sons: they have to thank the financial system.

#### "They Still Suffer"

The suffering and trials of the war years did not end with the Armistice, either. Are we to thank God that returned soldiers still needlessly suffer? Advertisements are to be seen to this very day in the tramcars, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, with the declaration, "*They still suffer.*" and an explanation that they suffer because of lack of money. What has God had to do with the shortage of money? And what is the use of thanking Him for His bounty if we will not allow it to be used in the prevention of suffering? It is mockery. The truth is that God was the same in the years of the war as He is today. His goodness was no greater and no less than it is now. He does not expect to get thanks for His goodness at one period, as distinct from another period, and cannot possibly be pleased to hear a mouthful about His goodness in the past from people who abuse and countenance the perversion of His goodness in the present. Is it any wonder that Jesus denounced the ecclesiastics of His time as hypocrites, whited sepulchre, vipers and the like? I am afraid He would use similar terms again today.

#### "Remembering" Won't Do Anything

It is no use remembering the soldiers who died unless we are prepared to *do* something for their dependants, and it is no use raising our hats to wounded diggers unless we are prepared to alleviate their suffering. Sickness could be alleviated if we had more money, soldiers' requests could be granted if the Government had more money, being without "work" would be no hardship if those concerned received an income of money (as the favoured few do at present), and all lost hope would be regained if people in general were assured of adequate purchasing power. Instead of focusing attention on this important aspect, the arguments referred to have sought to focus attention on hymns and prayers!

#### Hymns and Prayers a "Witness"

And is it true that hymns and prayers at the Shrine service would be a witness to our corporate desire to follow in the steps of those who laid down their lives in the war, "through whatever sacrifices to the same God"? It is not true. Those gallant men including some of my personal friends laid down their lives in vain. They thought they were fighting "to make the world safe for democracy" and in a war that was "to end war." Is the

world safe for democracy? Is there any country at all in which true democracy is in practice? Did the war end war? And why are sacrifices necessary in a world overflowing with the things its inhabitants require for health, comfort and enjoyment? Many men went to the war without knowing why they went, and with no knowledge at all regarding its true cause. The war was entirely foreign to "the reign of God," and came about entirely because of economic unrest; unrest which had been caused by the fact that the peoples concerned had not been supplied with enough money to buy the whole product of their own country.

#### The Cause of the Trouble

The system of finance, then, was the same as it is today, and imposed the necessity on every country of finding "foreign markets" into which to send goods for *money*. This was, and still is, the cause of national antagonisms, and, if each country had the courage to defy the international financial gang and create within itself sufficient money to equal the value of its own production, the root cause of war would be killed forever. But God's alleged representatives never utter a word on this vital matter—the only thing that prevents the establishment of the kingdom of God on the earth. On the contrary, one of them actually says we should sing and pray at the Shrine, as a witness to our intention to go on sacrificing and suffering, in order to maintain the very thing opposed to God and His people, and preventing sensible use being made of His munificent gifts to mankind. Up to now we have not only allowed the control of Finance to be a private monopoly, but have also allowed that monopoly, oftentimes in the name of God, to spread ruin and desolation throughout the earth. Words fail to express my true feelings on the scandal.

#### Formal Prayers are Useless

Loyalty to God is expressed by deeds, not by prayers, and on this basis we find great lack of loyalty in the very place where outward show suggests it should most abound. We are now told that, "We are heading for national disaster if, in our public ceremonies, we deliberately leave out God." God has not been "left out" in this sense on previous occasions, but has had plenty of lip service, with certain clergymen cutting a great dash in the limelight at the centre of things, but that has not kept us from the brink of national disaster. If the whole service were devoted to prayer it would make, not the slightest difference in our community life, *unless and until* we also tackled the controllers of finance, which means that, of themselves, the prayers are meaningless. "Faith without *works* is dead." "Jesus went about *doing* good." "If a brother or sister be *naked and destitute of daily food*, and one of you say unto them: 'Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled,' *but give them not those things which are needful to the body*, what doth it profit?" "Even so. Faith, if it hath not *works*, is dead." "Ye see, then, how that by *works* a man is justified, and not by Faith only." What have the churches *done* to liberate themselves and their respective peoples from the tentacles of the financial octopus? That is a far more important question than the saying of formal prayers on Anzac Day.

#### Leaving God Out

And then it is claimed that the modified service will be tantamount to "leaving God out." Would you, if you were God, be specially upset at being left off the programme of that particular show when you know you had been left off more important programmes? Was God taken into account in the secret manipulations, which have led to the provision of tens of millions of pounds for war purposes,

## WAR DEBTS An Amusing Satire WHO OWES WHO?

In a rather amusing satire on the war debt position, John Barleycorn, writing in the *Primary Producer* (South Africa), says that under the American War Debt Settlement of 1922, negotiated by Lord Sealed Lips, Britain agreed on a total of £920,000,000 as representing her indebtedness. In ten years she paid off £416,000,000, including "token payments," and found that she still owed almost as much as she did before (compound interest, laddie!). In December, 1932, Britain suspended payment of her half-yearly instalments, and in the following June discontinued the "token" payments of £3,304,000.

She now owes, roughly, another £174,363,102, over and above the original debt, and, though all sorts of remarkable schemes have been suggested for clearing it off—even such a scheme as Britain building the American navy for nothing—it still stands at a huge figure.

The war debt position is still further complicated by the situation of the European countries. Italy and France together owed Britain more than Britain owed America. France owed her £755,875,000 and Italy £252,938,000. Altogether France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Roumania, Portugal and Greece owed her £1,115,738,000. Under war reparations from Germany she paid at the old pre-war parity rate—£1,010,000,000, while Britain received £122,000,000 of this sum. Meanwhile Germany's payment has not paid up the Allies' interest, and today they all owe far more than they did when the war ended, in spite of all the payments by themselves and Germany to them. All the Allies, except Britain, have long since ceased to worry about their debts, merely putting the "accounts rendered," which they receive from the Bank of International Settlements, in the wastepaper basket. Benito and Adolph are even reported to be putting them to an even worse use. In any case, states France, Germany, Italy and the others, no man has yet been able to read out the account in words when you translate £1,010,000,000, plus £639,000,000 arrears of interest, since 1918, in modern francs, lira, yen, escudo, pfennig, pesetas, etc., so the accounts are now written along a fifty-foot, blank, roll-up tape measure for convenience. This has led to a new scale of measurements in Europe, because officials now use them for measuring to the following scale:—

5000 francs equal 1 foot.  
20,000 lira equals 1 foot.  
100,000 sen, yen or hen equal 1 inch (distance varies with Sino-Jap. War).

when nothing at all could be provided for His purposes of peace? Was God taken into *account* in connection with the measures, which have been introduced to destroy food and to prevent the production of food at a time when millions of God's human family are starving or undernourished? Apart from this, is the Bible wrong when it tells us that God is everywhere? And, if God is everywhere, will the omission of a few formal prayers from an official programme shut Him out of the Shrine and the atmosphere round about it? God will be there all right, as much as He is everywhere, and it is high time we insisted on a little more sense from the men who occupy positions in high places.

Thanksgiving for what? Certainly not for the war or anything connected with the war. At this particular time it would be more fitting to have a public acknowledgment of the manner in which we consistently betrayed God, and a solemn undertaking that, with His help, we will drive the moneychangers from the Temple, even as He drove them from it.

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