NOW AND THEN

TWENTY YEARS AFTER

Beside the cross on a rose-clad grave
In a sunny field in France
A doughboy's spirit stood at dawn,
And he cast his loving glance
Far to the West, to America's shores,
Turned to the land of his birth,
As he asked his pals: "How goes it there?
"How goes the rest of the Earth?

"It was twenty years ago this day
"We rose in might and main
"And went to war to end all war—
"There'd be no war again!
"We did our part, we won the fight,
"Sent the foe home in defeat;
"We gave our lives for lasting peace,
"Has the job been made complete?

"Do nations meet in conclave now
"To mend their itching pride,
"Have armies gone, are navies sunk,
"Are air-bombs laid aside?
"Do cannons rust, do rifles rot,
"Is life one happy song?
"Does Justice fix for all the world
"Just what is right and wrong?"

From North and South and East no sound,
No answer from the West.
The eerie soldier slumped from view,
Went back unto his rest
Among the tombs in serried rows
Of those who died for naught;
The statesmen who took up their task
Forgot for what they fought.
MICHEAL.

April 6, 1937.

Just twenty years have passed since this country saw her boys going away to war, haping thus to end wars for all time.

Sad to relate, this sacrifice was in vain. "Wars and rumors of War" are all around us.

The above poem taken from last week's New York Times was written on April 6, the date that the last war was declared. In that war, many poets, just entering upon a successful career, lost their lives, Alan Seegar, Rupert Brooks, Service, John McCree and a number of other poets of promise, were among the fallen. War is waste; Waste of men, waste of material, waste of idealism and courage, and worse than all deterioration and depression that must always follow.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS

There is a regular trek from everywhere to Washington to see the Cherry Blossoms. It is indeed a lovely sight to see the pink blossoms on the trees surrounding the blue waters of the basin. All the city dresses up for the occasion, but now they say that many of the trees will have to give way to the great memorial which they are going to build to Jefferson. Nature has always to give way to progress. The building may be a beautiful one, but what a pity to sacrifice the trees, "For only God can make a tree."

HEROISM

There has been much said about the teacher who saved the life of her comrade when they tried to escape from a burning house. All exits were cut off by the fire except the window. She climed out of it and then standing on a lower winder sill she held her fainting companion until the firemen could reach her thus showing great presence of mind, a quality not often shown at a fire.

Some years ago two little boys Dick and Jack were playing near the water, Jack got into a boat while Dick was near by on shore. The water was very deep. In playing Jack fell from the boat into the water Dick heard him scream and rushed to his assistance. Lying on the wharf he caught his brother's hand and thus kept his head above water while he yelled for help. His cries were heard and the rescuers came running with all their might and dragged Jack from the water. If it had not been for Dick's presence of mind, his brother would have surely been drowned.

ANTIQUE BOOKS

Have you an attic in your house where you store the old books. Many of them are very valuable now.

And does that shelf or that pile hold one of the old McGuffey Readers? If so, you are lucky. You can see just how fascinating these old books were. And many other people, are realizing this fascination also. Dr. Harold G. Campbell, superintendent of New York schools, has announced that a committee will be appointed to report on the possibility of editing and revising these old textbooks for the 1937 pupils. This is the reason he gives for doing it: The readers contain a wealth of simplicity and goodness, two virtues which never harm—and which are needed by everyone.

After all there is nothing more delightful than browsing among books when one loves them.

There are so many, that when they were new, were thought little of, and now have become classic. Jane Austin, the Bronte sisters, Mrs. Gaskill, Anthony Trollope not to mention Dickens and Thackery are the most interesting companions.

SLOT MACHINES

Florida has done away with her slot machines. They had become a great menace to the state. It is told of one woman who spent all her time in working them. So absorbed had she became that when her arms grew tired she engaged a strong armed women to work it for her. She admitted to a reporter that she had spent $10,000 playing them. One man who was a bankrupt started a shop where they played the machines. Now he owns a block of houses and is spending some time in Europe. And so Florida felt it was time for them to stop the gambling and has expelled the machines.

THE HERSHEYS REVOLT

The eyes of the Nation has been turned upon the little town of Hershy where there are the immense Hershy Candy works. Mr. Hershy, they say, started his fortune by selling his mother's caramels which were so popular, that he was induced to start a little store, then a larger one, and finally factories for making the candy. Now they turn out over forty tons a day. Mr. Hershy and his wife have no children, and they spend their great wealth in making Hershy, where they live a model town. They also share their profits with their workmen. But, in spite of his generosity, the employees staged a sit down strike. This infuriatied the farmers and dairymen who sell their products to the Hershy Company, so armed with clubs and missles of all kind they attacked the strikers and compelled them to beat a retreat.

STILL POND

The community gave Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hallman a pantry Shower last Friday evening. We are very glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Hallman back with us and hope we will have an enjoyable and successful year together.

Mrs. James Collins and son, Donald, of Easton, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford of near town.

Miss Marion Pennington has returned to her home in Kennedyville, after spending the winter months with her aunt, Mrs. Ella Pennington. We are sorry to see her leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Crew and daughter, Sally who have just returned home from Florida spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Sara Crew and sisters, Mrs. Myra Roseberry and Mrs. Harry Hendrickson.

Mr. James Greenwood visited with friends in Chester, Pa., over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stayton, of Wilmington, were week-end guests of Mrs. Angie Rasin and Mrs. Florence Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hepburn, of near Wilmington, and Miss Mary Alice Hepburn of University of Delaware spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. William Hepburn of near town.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville Del., spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. William Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skeggs and son visited with her mother, Mrs. Moore of near Fairlee on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Price, of Betterton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary and daughter, Lena and Mrs. Howard Toulson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Kellner, of Camden, N. J., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crossley of near Sudlersville, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann. Mr. Mann is much better.

Mrs. Jennie Boulden and Miss Pearl Coleman were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, of near town. They visited Mrs. William Dean of near Elkton in the afternoon.

Mr .and Mrs. Alfred Hickman have moved to Wilmington where he has work.

Miss Eleanor Ford attended a Cabinet meeting of the Southern District of the Epworth League which was held at Newark Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Elsie Hoyle and daughter, Mildred of Fairlee, visited with her brother, Mr. Thomas Mann and other relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newcomb and family, of Chestertown visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Medders, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Myra Roseberry, Mrs. Ella Pennington, and Miss Louise Pennington attended the burial of Mr. Lewis Bernard, of New York which was held at Dover, Monday afternoon.

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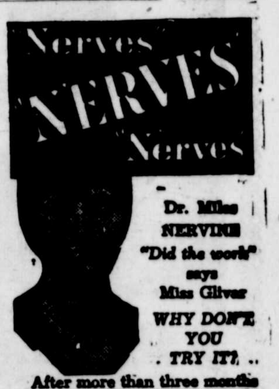
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