

EDITORIAL

A Christmas Prayer for Any Year

IN THIS MOST HOLY and joyous season of the Christian year, it would be most fitting to rededicate ourselves to the spirit of the Golden Rule, remembering that the God-given admonition is to do unto others as we WOULD HAVE others do unto us--not necessarily to do unto others as they actually DO unto us.

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" may seem a just law, but justice without mercy and compassion for the unjust is less than Christ-like. In commemorating the birth of Him who died in expiation for the sins of the world, let us remember that He asked His Father in Heaven to forgive His enemies because they knew not what they did when they scourged Him and nailed Him to the Cross.

Revenge may be sweet, but it also can be brutalizing, leaving little to choose between the persecutor and the persecuted. Forgiveness, on the other hand, is ennobling and assures its own reward through enrichment of the spirit. As trite as it may sound, love can truly conquer all. Hate can only demean and degrade the hater.

Therefore, at this Christmastime:

"Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding; that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation (or race over race), but of man over his own evils and weaknesses; that the true spirit of this Christmas season--its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith--may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours--the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence."

CCS fiddles while Vegas burns

The whole city has been kept waiting, while the City Civil Service Board fiddles.

The present excuse being offered is Dr. Robinson's illness.

Had the Board acted in good faith and rendered its decision promptly at the close of the hearings, all of this unnecessary delay would have been avoided. Each board member heard the testimony of all the witnesses, made notes, and questioned those witnesses whose testimony was not quite clear to them.

Then why in the name of all that is holy, are they procrastinating with their duty? Certainly, the City Commissioners appoint only citizens of keen judgement to these responsible positions.

We were reminded several times during the hearings of the seriousness of the proceedings. The chairman was right. It is serious business, when five men hold the fate of one man, his family, the good will of the community and the whole concept of justice so lightly. So lightly, that after several months delay, they still have not publicly announced their decision.

How much time do they need? What proof do they need to consider?

We shudder to think, what manner of men are these, and just what they are taking so long to consider.



Things You Should Know



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1859-1930
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TOP STUDENT AT THE LYCÉE AT BORDEAUX
- AND THE ACADEMY ST. CYR ! HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE PARIS AIR DEFENSE IN 1915 ! UNDER HIM WERE FLYERS, GUNNERS, NAVIGATORS, ETC., NUMBERING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND!

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