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## Finding a Scapegoat

As was generally foreshadowed, Governor Burnquist on Saturday issued an order removing Dr. L. A. Fritsche from the office of Mayor and Maj. Albert Pfander from the office of city attorney of the city of New Ulm. In view of the fact that both these gentlemen were willing to resign their respective offices and had tendered their resignations to the city council of the city of New Ulm, their removal at this time will not come as a thunderbolt from the clear skies. As far as Dr. Fritsche is concerned he is better off without the office. To such a busy man as he is, the duties of the office of Mayor were more or less of an aggravation. For Major Pfander it means only the loss of the salary that goes with the office and is not of sufficient moment to cause him any sleepless nights.

Their removal from office has not hurt these gentlemen in any way in the estimation of the people at home. We think as much of them as we did before, possibly even a little more, because we cannot escape the feeling that they were made the scapegoat of a condition for which the sensational press of the State was largely responsible.

How it can be construed into malfeasance in office for a Mayor to preside at a lawful assembly of citizens is simply beyond us. But it is claimed that the Mayor listened to speeches that could be construed as seditious and traitorous and that for that reason he should be removed. It was not for anything that he said himself. Following these arguments to a logical conclusion, would it not be quite as proper to remove the Governor of the State from office because he also happened to sit on a platform in the city of New Ulm where language was used by one of the speakers which was highly inflammatory, and tending to riot and bloodshed, without raising his voice in protest and without making any effort to stop the speaker? But that, we presume, is a horse of a different color.

It seems to be a popular sport to bait the Review, but why go out of town to secure a medium of expression? There's the "Open Forum" in the Review which was established for the one and only purpose of giving readers a chance to express their opinions. Why not tell us just what you think of Review opinions in an open letter to the public if you like, to be published in the Review's Open Forum? There's just one, no two, restrictions; you must not be profane and you must sign your name. Ah, there's the rub! Those who oppose us find it difficult to refrain from shattering the third commandment and out of half a dozen vituperative communications received by us the past summer not one of the writers had the courage to sign his, or her, name. This does not look to us like straightforward manliness. It looks like personal vindictiveness, and that to us seems very silly in the light of the big things of today.

## A Christmastide Truce

Once more Old Earth rolls on its way, nearing the most blessed of all seasons of the year, the beautiful Christmastide. So universally beloved is the Christmas season in all Christian lands that even the warring forces over seas have each year as Christmas day dawned, called a halt in their terrible work of destruction and paid the deference of silence to the Prince of Peace. The Christmas spirit has been allowed sway for twenty-four hours and the "Fritzes" and "Tommys" have forgotten their race hatreds and have called friendly greetings "over the top" to their brothers, ignoring the fact that on the morrow they would again be at each others throats neither giving or seeking mercy. The joyous love and comradeship that comprises the spirit of Christmas fills their hearts and drives from their minds all thoughts of anything but friendship and brotherhood.

Nothing can withstand the Christmas spirit once the door of the heart is opened to let it in for the Christmas spirit is the love of one's fellow men, a thing universal, something which cannot be stamped out of the human heart, something which never dies.

Christ was the embodiment of love of man. He was the materialized ideal of love between man and man. Even to those who deny his material existence, his spirit must be a very real thing because it is that spirit which lives in the hearts of men surviving every attack of hatred and bitter anger and injustice.

One may think it impossible to forgive an enemy for wrongs done, but no one can hate even one's worst enemy on Christmas day if he just opens the

door of his heart even the tiniest crack to let in the blessed Christmas joy of giving and receiving good wishes. And it is so easy! All one need do is to smile and utter a good wish to the first person he meets. The answering smile and words will bring a glow of pleasure even though they really mean nothing very special. Try it on the next friend, or enemy, you meet, and see how quickly you will get into the swing of the Christmas season and what a lot of joy you will get out of life the next three weeks.

True it is that the Christmas holidays mean heavy work for most of us, heavy expenses, worries as to how one can afford this or that or the other thing one feels he should give and serious anxiety lest one fail to do all he should do before Christmas day. But stop a moment! Does it really matter whether you do everything you plan to do? How important will the forgotten matter look the day after Christmas? Isn't it true that you will at once dismiss it from your mind with the thought that it really was of no consequence any way? Why worry beforehand over something you would not worry about afterwards? Isn't it rather silly to do that?

Why not call a truce for the whole Christmas season and not worry for a single minute about Christmas duties? Why not enjoy them to the utmost? It is joy and pleasure and happiness and fun to plan and buy and make and do for those you love! Why not do it wholeheartedly, without a single care in the world as to whether you can afford the time and money? You can't afford not to! If you give and do in the true Christmas spirit the returns are sure to be such an enrichment of ones daily life that no one can afford to miss the joy of getting ready to give someone else pleasure. Call a truce to the idea of "Can't afford" and fraternize with your natural enemy Expense. Get acquainted with Expense of time and money for the sake of the warm glow that will permeate your whole being. And when Christmas morning comes after several busy but happy weeks, see how much more beautiful your own remembrances will seem for they will express to you no matter how simple they may be, the happiness their givers had in preparing them for you.

Call a truce to-day to last over the Christmas season! Forget the worry and anxiety lest our boys never come back to us. They will, they must come back and we who stay at home must believe we shall see them again among us. Call a truce to the nervous fear that hard times are before us. Let us absolutely ignore the fact that possible suffering lies just ahead. Smile bravely and speak cheerily and see how much easier it is to do the day's work. Let us make up our minds that every day from now till Christmas is to be full to the brim of happy plans and hopes. Begin today to offer your Christmas greetings; it's none too early. Call a truce to common, grubby, every-day thoughts and acts. Manufacture a pleasant air of mystery and surprise for the home folks; oh, come let's be happy, and forget the awful things that we know the world holds today. A certain famous prophecy says Peace will come before Christmas Day. It doesn't seem possible, but let's act as if it were!

A merry, merry Christmas Season to you all, dear readers. May you enjoy every minute of the time from now until the Christmas bells ring!

Such beautiful weather as we have had this fall is enuf to be grateful for even if nothing better ever came to us. Of course, it isn't California, but who wants California here in Minnesota any way? We want the pleasure of going away from home to find the perfect climate. We wouldn't recognize it if we had it here at home.

## The P. S. C. Decision

After writing our Christmas Truce editorial we can't very well say unpleasant things about the Public Safety Commission of the State of Minnesota, can we? We are not even supposed to think unpleasant things, are we? At least not until after Christmas is over. The truth is we have thought a great many uncomplimentary things, and said them too, about the P. S. C., same as we do about the H. C. L. Both are more or less of a nuisance, but they must be endured, we suppose; and so the best thing we can do is to forget them, and go serenely about our business of being happy in spite of them. We haven't the slightest doubt that Dr. Fritsche and Major Pfander will be quite as contented Christmas Day as tho they were still officers of the City of New Ulm. And being happy and contented counts for a lot more than the P. S. C. knows and it's something they can't disturb to any great extent in New Ulm altho they have managed to make themselves quite prominent in the state. Merry Christmas, even to you, gentlemen! We hope you will get as much joy out of the Christmas Tide as New Ulm will.

Yes, we're in a preaching mood today. Not because we know more about these things than you do, but just because we know each one of you is going to be so busy some of the things we mention will be forgotten if we do not remind you.

## Christmas Fire Menace

There are two holidays during each twelve-month when the fire menace becomes serious because of the nature of the celebrations arranged. Fourth of July fires and Christmas Tree fires were once very serious affairs and also very frequent. The sane Fourth Movement has done away with many of the firecracker confagurations and there is an easy way to prevent all Christmas tree troubles. The electric lighting of public Christmas trees should be obligatory in all cities where it is possible, as it is here. The expense is but little more than the expense of candles if one considers the damage done by wax drippings on floor and clothing. With electric lights the Christmas trees can be safely decorated with all the silver and tinsel and fluffy snow, all the glitter and shine and glow that one can pack on them without danger to the tiny tots in their eagerness to get near the joys suspended before their eyes. Don't use candles, as you value the lives of those nearest and dearest to you, mothers and fathers of New Ulm.

The Government decided last week that the millers of the country were getting rich too fast and accordingly ordered a drop in the price of flour. The right or wrong of the decision does not concern the consumer. He is grateful for small favors and hopes the Government may get similar notions with regard to other household commodities.

## Back In The Harness

For the past year and a half, or nearly that, the Review has been edited by Mr. George H. Miles and the owners of the paper have scarcely written a line which has appeared in the Review. Mr. Miles has recently purchased a newspaper plant at Rushford, Minn., and left last week to take charge of the business, leaving the owners of the Review once more in the editorial sanctum, looking about rather blankly at the scissors and paste pot and wondering how on earth we are going to find material to fill twenty to thirty columns of news every week after a year's vacation from the grind of preparing copy.

It has been a strangely eventful year, a year full of big events for all of us, readers as well as writers. The world has whirled madly about us, making us fairly giddy with the swiftly moving panorama of events. Yesterday we were going our accustomed ways, each of us doing his best to make a success of his plans. A new day comes and all plans are "pushed off", whole lives must be rearranged, to suit the course of nations. Bewilderment is the state of mind most common. Feverish anxiety is the portion of every one who takes any part in public events. Such hideous passions have been aroused that one may well question what depth of civilization exists when men become savages so readily. A year ago no one would have believed that such intensity of hatred could exist in America. We found it hard to realize anything of the Civil War hatreds until all of a sudden we found ourselves here in America living in just such an atmosphere of distrust and suspicion and dissension.

Such are the times, times that try the stoutest souls. It has been hard to bear the censure of our fellow editors in the state for we have known and liked and admired many of them. We think them sincere in their belief that their opinions are right, but it is out of the question for all to think alike on any question, particularly one which presents so many angles as today's problems do. We ask for our ideas no more respect than we voluntarily offer to others. We have never ridiculed others expressions of opinion or their arguments tho we have not always been able to quite credit the evidence of our eyes when we would see some of the most extreme denunciations of those who opposed them printed by men whom we had always before tho fair-minded and just.

We have tried to make allowances for the passions aroused by race hatreds engendered by interested parties but we have not been able to bring ourselves to the point where we can justify the gratifying of personal grudges. That, to us, seems the most dreadful thing about the present unhappy situation in America. So many, many are seizing on the opportunity to punish their personal enemies. It's a crying shame that malignity and vituperation have come to be the common tongue of the land. The press leads in this style of unchristian denunciation. To us it seems that he who feels it necessary to make a great noise about the lack of some quality in his enemy is actuated by personal animosity or is not quite sure of his own arguments and is trying to drown out the other fellow's remarks. Feeling thus it is with a reluctant sigh that we take up the work left on our hands by Mr. Miles' departure.

Our policy in the future will be what it has always been in the past. We shall refrain from using our newspapers as weapons unless it seems to us that publicity is necessary to prevent actual local wrong doing. In questions relating to the war we are not permitted to publish anything except what is passed by the post office department. No publisher can get a paper to his readers if it contains any criticism of the government or officials. Not only are mailing

privileges denied such a publication but personal delivery is forbidden and no common carrier is permitted to transport a paper declared unmailable. The law and its execution shut off every possible opportunity of the people to secure from the press any information unfavorable to the present regime. Such conditions make it impossible to enjoy preparing a paper for our readers. Such is the situation as we again assume the task of editing the Review.

Hating war and all the evil passions it arouses as we do, it is hard for us to believe that good can come of so much that is foully wrong. But hope is hard to kill and if one could not hope even in the midst of the present world catastrophe, then indeed one would wish that the end of all might be at hand. Just now the powers forbid us to hope for peace. Let us then hope that out of this awful confagration will arise the Phoenix of International Brotherhood. Let us hope fervently that never again will national hatreds obtain. The attainment of this ideal is the only possible palliation of crimes being committed by all nations today.

## Breakers Ahead

From present indications it would appear that the Public Safety Commission has struck their first real snag. It will be remembered that in the recent street railway strike in the Twin Cities the Safety Commission ordered the street railway men back to work and insisted that the street railway company take back all who had gone out on strike. As a prerequisite to taking them back the street railway company insisted that the union men refrain from wearing their union buttons while on duty. This the Safety Commission acquiesced in, but the men affected felt otherwise about it and refused pointblank to comply with this portion of the order. A conference was held the other day to get the disputants together but without avail. Even the Trades & Labor Assembly of the Twin Cities took a hand in the affair, backing up the union men in the stand they take. The matter is now being referred to the U. S. Labor Commissioner for arbitration and final decision. Governor Burnquist who is the head of the Public Safety Commission of the State admits that the Commission has no legal means at hand with which to enforce the orders recently given. Since then the city council of the city of Minneapolis held a session and with only one dissenting vote declared themselves on the side of the union men and indirectly censured the Safety Commission. In St. Paul the legal end of the city administration is digging up old ordinances which they believe will give them the right to take over and operate the street car lines if the traction company is unable to give the people the service they are entitled to. All of which looks decidedly interesting to us who live in the country. The frank admission of the Safety Commission that they cannot always enforce orders they may issue is indeed refreshing. If the little incident in the Twin Cities proves nothing else, it does prove that it pays to be organized.

If there is any truth in the statement appearing in the daily papers of the East that the consumers pay annually for farm products the sum of \$28,000,000 and that the farmers receive therefor the sum of \$9,000,000 and that the

difference between these two amounts is dissipated on the way from the producer to the consumer, then it is about high time that this matter be thoroughly investigated and some radical changes made.

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