

## MINNESOTA STREET IS MUCH IMPROVED

NORTH END IMPROVEMENTS ALD GREATLY TO BUSINESS SECTION

SAFFERT MODEL MEAT MARKET AND NEW ARBES PLACE ADVANCE VALUES

Among the numerous improvements of New Ulm made during the past year two of the most notable are the re-building of Saffert's meat market and the erection of the new Arbes' furniture store. Both are located on North Minnesota street where they help materially towards the development of that section of town as well as of the city as a whole. In speaking of the meat market this may be said with a double emphasis.

### Modern Show Windows

The casual passer-by cannot help admiring the fine conception of the design in all its particulars and the ideal execution of this store. There is not one note of discord in the harmonious arrangements. The entrance with its stone steps in the form of a half circle and the two show windows on either side form a striking picture of real beauty. The little white shining tiles arrest the eye and invite to an inspection of the different wares exhibited.

### Several Departments

An up-to-date meat market not only deals in different sorts of meat, but one also will find there a well supplied fish market, all kinds of dairy products and canned goods. These different side lines form a considerable part of Mr. Saffert's business. The several show cases containing these articles are all made according to the very latest style, only marble, glass and fine woodwork being used.

### Provision Rooms in Rear

Leaving the store thru a rear door the visitor finds himself in a long hallway which divides the two large ice boxes of about 16 x 18 feet in size. They both are in fine shape finished in white and electric lighted, the one to the left just being connected with the ice machine. This latter is in the next room to the rear, the sausage factory. All kinds of good things to eat are turned out here daily, in a most sanitary way. Next comes the slaughter house with the latest modern equipment.

There are several other rooms in this part of the building, one of them being prepared as shipping room for the outside trade. So far Mr. Saffert has spent about \$12,000 on these improvements.

The two smoke houses are located in the yard to the left of the main building. They are always well filled, not only with all kinds of sausages and hams but also with a thick smoke of burning hardwood.

The whole working force of Mr. Saffert's plant consists of eight hired helpers.

Another fine and attractive new building on North Minnesota street is the

new and second hand furniture store of John Arbes. As may be seen from the picture accompanying this article it is a very good looking structure, representing a simple but very becoming style of modern architecture. It is built of granite-finished cement blocks of different sizes, manufactured by Saffert & Gugsberg, which give it a polished and refined appearance.

The north side offers a good view of the entire length of the building which is 95 feet. The front measures 25 feet.

### Two Departments

The entire lower floor having a space of more than 2,250 square feet, is used for store purposes. The larger front part, with a big show window, contains new and a few old furniture articles of all descriptions, while in the rear part we find many pieces of second hand furniture. Here Mr. Arbes also has his workshop where he puts old furniture into shape again and where he makes such articles look like new.

The second floor is used as living quarters by the Arbes family.

### Theatre Re-Decorated

A gain of more than one hundred seats has been made by the enlargement of the American Theatre on South Minnesota street. The old stage was removed during the summer months, lengthening the auditorium by about 15 feet. The interior of the show house has been entirely remodeled according to the plans of Chas. Heers, local architect. A new cement floor was laid and the ceiling and walls plastered and decorated in attractive colors. The ceiling is white to give the eight indirect lights hanging down from it a strong reflection, while the walls are painted in green and blue, dull finish, the blue panels being bordered by wide gold stripes. The total impression is enhanced by eight torch lights, four on each side wall.

The total seating capacity of the theatre now is 572, and it may be said that the American Theatre now ranks among the first class moving picture houses of our time. This includes the outside, too. New glass and wooden entrance doors were installed which help not a little to give the front a modern appearance.

To get good results on the screen depends to a large extent on the machines in use. In an endeavor to give his customers the best service in this regard Mr. Woodmansee had his former Powers 6A machines replaced by machines of the Simplex type.

### List of Improvements

There were many other improvements made in the city during the course of last year outside of those which we have mentioned in other issues of this paper. Aug. J. Kalz, Dr. J. P. Graff and Chas. Grussendorf erected or completed garages. An addition to the court house, (Continued on page 8.)

Two eclipses of the sun and one of the moon are scheduled for 1919. The sun will be entirely hidden from view in nearly all parts of the United States on May 29th, and again on November 22nd, this time visible in the states. The moon will be shut from view partly on November 7th, the moon entering the shadow at 6 o'clock in the evening. Easter will be late this year, coming on April 20th.

## STATE COMMISSION HAS 10 MORE DAYS

COMPROMISE IN SENATE ON RESOLUTION REGARDING SAFETY BODY

OPEN HOSTILITY SHOWN AMONG LAWMAKERS OF EVERY PARTY CAMP

The life of the Minnesota Public Safety commission has been extended for another ten days. The state senate made this compromise on Friday of last week after Senator F. H. Peterson of Moorhead had asked for an extension of 60 days. That meant that the commission would not revoke all of its orders on Tuesday, February 4th, as announced some time ago, but that they remain effective until further action of the senate. During these ten days the legislature will come to some decision as to whether the commission should be continued or whether all of its orders should be revoked.

### Fight On For Some Time

When the Peterson resolution regarding the time extension was introduced on Thursday the safety commission and its acts became the outstanding issues in the legislature. Friends and foes alike began lining up in battle array, according to reports from the capitol. More than a dozen senators openly declared themselves against any extension of time. Senator James Dwyer of Minneapolis jokingly remarked that if the resolution called for an extension of ten minutes of the life of the commission he would vote for it, but not otherwise, and before the resolution of Senator Peterson had made its appearance many lawmakers in both bodies and from all camps of the legislature had openly expressed their hostility to any move designed to perpetuate the body.

### No Justification

Lawmakers both inside and outside of the Farmer-Labor contingent had gotten into the fight on the body on the grounds that there is no economic or civic justification for its continuance. It was and is freely argued that the safety commissioners have lost the confidence of the majority of the people of the state and that, therefore, the body should not be continued.

Representative Sigel, labor member from St. Paul, not being satisfied with the movement against the continuance of the safety commission introduced a sweeping resolution providing for a legislative investigation of the body, probing into all of its acts and expenditures. Payment of \$6,000 to Attorney Tighe for his services to the commission, after it had been reported that he would work gratis, for pure patriotism, would be investigated, Sigel said.

### Burnquist's Stand

That G. V. Burnquist favors the retention of the commission is made plain by his support of measures favoring its perpetuation and by his move to keep the body in power indefinitely by designating it as a distributor of state charity to returning soldiers.

## MEETING OF NEW ULM MILITARY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the New Ulm Military Association has been called for Sunday, February 9th, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Armory. All ex-soldiers in the city and vicinity, and especially those who took part in the present war, are invited to be present.

The object is to discuss the advisability of joining a national organization of ex-soldiers, now being formed.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

ED. J. BERG, Secretary.

## POLICE REPORT

The following is the local police report for the year 1918:

Offenses.	Arrests.
Larceny	1
Assault	3
Vagrancy	2
Disorderly conduct	20
Drunkenness	63
Violation of state automobile laws	6
Riding on sidewalks with bicycle	1
Cruelty to animals	1
Violating state game laws	3
Shooting within city limits	2
Misdemeanor	3
Total cases	105

A. J. Gies, a young man of Morgan, Redwood County, has been killed in an act in France, according to a report recently received by his parents.

## ANOTHER BATCH OF OVERSEAS LETTERS

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS BRING NEWS OF THE WORK OUR BOYS ARE DOING

NOTHING QUITE SO GOOD AS UNCLE SAM'S LAND TO THE SAMMIES

Last week's mail brought a large number of letters from the boys who are still overseas and they make very interesting reading for home folks and others as well, so here are some of them which *The Review* has had the good fortune to get for its readers. The first is from Sergt.-Major Jacob Engel who sends several views of the lumber camp in which he works, two of which are reproduced in this issue.

Jacob's letter is dated December 25th at Sabres, France. He says:

"Christmas in France. Were it not for the letters and a day of leisure, those who are used to see snow on the ground around this time of the year would hardly realize that it really is Christmas. Been raining nearly every day for a month and only occasionally we would have a little sunshine. This morning we got out of bed with the sun shining and the sky clear but within thirty minutes it was pouring. Sometimes when we leave our little huts, the sun would be shining in a clear sky; inside of ten or fifteen minutes it would be raining pitch forks. This is the way it keeps up all day. One is never safe without a raincoat. Look thru the forest and into some of the fields and lawns, all green. Such is the winter of Sunny France.

"You will want to know how I am spending Christmas day. There really is not much to say. I got up for breakfast at 8 a. m., had oatmeal, coffee and one boiled egg. Until dinner time I spent most of the time talking with some of the men who came back to the company for Christmas dinner and who had been out on other jobs. For dinner we had mutton, mashed potatoes, cake and apple pie and coffee. The Y. M. C. A. gave each one a box containing smokes, gum and chocolate bars. Then we sat around and talked some more. For supper we are going to have doughnuts and coffee; until then I am going to sit down and write to all in one letter and thinking of you all while I am doing so.

"Received the Christmas package you sent me. With it came the letter telling me what was in the box. Too bad, but the box was broken and I only got the razor strap and the silk flag. The rest of it got lost on the way. Certainly would have enjoyed that air cushion but I guess by now someone else is using it. What was the locket like? Sure would like to know that and if you had any pictures in it you had better send me another set of them. Even with the bad luck of the box I want to say I certainly enjoyed my Christmas more than I had planned. I want you to feel that I certainly am mighty glad and appreciate everything you have done and tried to do to make this Christmas a happy one for me.

"I am not planning on staying here longer than we have to. Of course, there are lots of things to be seen here in France

able to replace other companies in place of those who leave.

"Our present work at this camp will take us until the latter part of January to finish up. They gave us another tract of timber to cut and it will take until then to finish it. From here we are scheduled to go to another camp and finish up work there. This is about another two months' job so I think we will be kept busy until our turn comes to go home. I figure about April will be the time that we are to leave."

A letter written by Jacob on the 11th of January said he was just leaving on a furlough and would go to a place near the Pyrenees on the Spanish border. A group of two dozen of the boys were going together and he expected to have plenty to write about on his return to camp. In the pictures of the camp given in this issue, Jacob has marked the 3rd hut on the right as his particular abiding place for the time being, but it is so like all the rest we are sure he must need to keep some sort of sign up to tell it from the others.

The next letter is one from Frank Niemann who writes from Tours.

"I have been getting so much mail lately that I have altogether forgotten to write. As you notice I am again at Tours. We got here Friday and I have been having my Christmas celebration ever since. But to tell you about our last job. The days around Christmas and New Years were certainly busy ones for us. Working out of Bordeaux we traveled south toward the Spanish border. In that part of the country the Americans have big lumber camps and saw-mills. The region is heavily covered with jack pine altho there are many big areas covered with cork oak trees which are grown for the cork. At one place, Minizan, we were quartered in cottages on the seaside. I had a real mattress to sleep on and immensely enjoyed being sung to sleep by the roar of the ocean. Minizan must be a lively place in summer time for there are quite a number of cottages there.

"While here I saw how turpentine is obtained. The pine trees are slashed on one side and a little earthenware pot, very much the size and shape of a flower pot, is hung on a little tin trough, fastened at the lower end of the gash on the tree. As the sap of the tree oozes from the cut it runs down into the trough and from there into the pot. The sap is thick and white. From these pots the sap is collected and hauled to the distillery in order to get the turpentine out of it. The average tree produces about two quarts of turpentine.

"From Minizan we went on farther to Doz. Of course we hit a bunch of smaller places all thru the country. On Christmas Eve we traveled late at night in order to get back to Bordeaux for Christmas. We did not meet Santa Claus on the way. I suppose there are too many Christmas trees around so he steers clear of that part of the country. Anyhow in France the time for giving is New Years so Santa Claus does not make much difference.

"On Christmas day we had a good dinner at headquarters in Bordeaux. We had turkey, (I think it was) cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and a good many other good things. The Y. M. C. A. gave us each a small package containing candy and tobacco from the folks at home. The K. of C. donated tobacco and cornob pipes. The turkey was furnished by the Red Cross.

"The day after Christmas we went up to Perigieux, not returning till New Year's Eve. At Perigieux I tried to find (Continued on Page 2.)

## ICE SHORTAGE FOR LOCAL CONSUMERS?

NO CUTTING DONE BY NEW ULM ICE COMPANY DURING ALL OF JANUARY

HIGHER PRICES WILL PREVAIL BECAUSE OF EXPENSIVE HARVESTING

There are always two sides to a question no matter how we may judge it on its face value. The enjoyment of the fine weather period in the month just passed no doubt was real and undisputed, but there are some afterthoughts connected with it, which for many carry a not less real and undisputed unpleasantness. Not to speak of its consequences in regard to winter wheat and other crops the question of a shortage of ice during the coming summer months looms up largely and calls for serious attention.

### No Cutting Done

So far as the ice harvest up to the present time is concerned it is nil, according to a statement made by Henry Held, Superintendent of the city dray department of the New Ulm Ice company. The layer of ice on the river never has been more than 4 or 5 inches thick this winter, precluding the use of teams, he said. Never before has such a condition prevailed in this part of the country, making it a difficult dilemma to solve for the local concern. Their only hope lies in more favorable weather in the present month because it is out of the question to furnish artificial ice for New Ulm consumers in sufficient quantities on account of the high expense connected with it. In other cities where they have plants for the manufacture of artificial ice or where the demand is large enough to build such a plant in case of emergency the supply question will not be so hard to solve.

### Higher Prices

Whatever the outcome may be the prices for ice will be considerably higher this year than last year, Mr. Held said. There are several reasons for this increase. In the first place the ice harvest in February is always more expensive than in January. The loads are necessarily smaller since the wagons which now will have to be used do not hold as much ice as the sleighs which in January are used for that purpose. Besides, the lengthening of the days is responsible for more frequent breakings and for the driving out of more water, making it harder for the men to handle the river product.

In places near lakes the people are more fortunate because the ice on standing water has reached a thickness of about 14 inches which makes harvesting possible, according to Mr. Held.

### Cold Wave Arrives

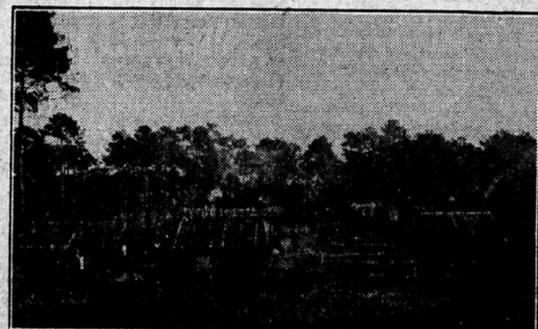
Monday morning the people of New Ulm and of the state woke up to find themselves in the midst of a real Minnesota winter. After it had rained all day Sunday, the temperature dropped considerably during the night and the rain turned into snow, which seems to have the intention of staying with us for a while. The local weather man, Alex. Henle, forecasts a cold, frosty period for several weeks at least, although the groundhog looked in vain to find his shadow, on Sunday, the second of the month. Spring seems to be a good distance off now.

### Cheering News for Icemen

This is good news for the icemen. Their hopes of getting a plentiful crop during the month of February will be fulfilled if the temperature hovers around ten below zero for a week or so, and all indications are that a sudden change in the weather is not to be expected.

In Nicollet county a movement has been started for the erection of a community hall at St. Peter in honor and memory of the participants in the world war from that county.

THE NEW ARBES BUILDING.



Huts and Mess Hall

but I am satisfied with what I have seen since I started out. Under present conditions here in France there isn't really much to see as far as taking in the different places. Perhaps some day I may see France again but just now I'm ready to go back to the good old U. S. A. "It is a pretty hard thing to tell when we expect to go home. We are to be sent home according to the way they arrived here in France. We all have the idea that it is only a matter of transportation and regardless of what work there is to be done. They will always be

