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### Christmas Cheer.

What can bring more joy to the heart of the ordinary man or woman of means than to make others happy, especially at yuletide? This is a thought that looms up large at the approach of Christmas every year, and one that plays the chord of "humanity" on the heart-strings of all those who have not become adamant as a result of war's inhumanity.

While we are reminded through the daily and local press of the terrible suffering in European countries, we should not forget the worthy poor within our own gates, of which, sad to relate, there are more than most people realize. Right here in New Ulm there are numbers of families that will know no Christmas cheer, unless those of our citizens who have the means and the Good Samaritan trait to bring them yuletide gladness, open their hearts and their purses to spread this Christmas cheer.

And, by the way, we believe that this gentle hint will be sufficient to awaken the true Christmas spirit in the hearts of those New Ulmites who possess sufficient of this world's goods to make many a little boy or girl, yes, and even grownups, happy this yuletide. That their efforts along these lines will be appreciated in more than due measure, goes without saying.

While deportation may be all right in a way, it can not very well be enforced as regards all people. For instance, country editors who imitate the big kept press would have to be sent to the jungles of Africa or South America, where they could wile away their time hanging to tropical vines and jabbering ferociously, just as they do now. And many a supposedly respectable market gambler would be squealing for more swill, if the "go-back-to-where-you-belong" slogan were universally adopted.

### Lessons in Self-Determination.

Self-determination is a fine phrase. It has been gibbly used by the Entente before the signing of the Armistice and since. Just to show how sincere they are in this matter, the Entente maintained a blockade of Russia. Failing in this, they fathered a great number of counter-revolution, just to let the people know that they do honestly believe in the self-determination of peoples including Russia, of course. The tactics pursued by Great Britain toward Ireland are very reassuring to all who believe that each and every nation should have the right to determine the kind of government its people want. Greece has been treated to a similar Entente self-determination policy. Forced into the war by the Entente against their will, the Greeks took advantage of the first opportunity that presented itself and got rid of the dictator Venizelos and recalled Constantine to the throne. Hardly had the action of the Greek people become known, when the leaders of the Entente hurriedly got together, and threatened Greece with a withdrawal of financial support, a very serious matter for bankrupt

Greece, and also threatened to take away Smyrna and Thrace, just to prove to their former ally that they are very sincere in the doctrine of self-determination. The beauty about it all is that the people of Greece are not allowing themselves to become intimidated. A little more self-determination of this order and some more nations and people will be some dis-illusioned.

What is this world coming to, if such a conservative and reactionary as Judge McGee of Safety Commission fame, advocates the nationalization of the coal mines of the country? It is almost unbelievable, but it is, nevertheless, true, unless the yellow press has misquoted this erstwhile autocrat. If the profiteers keep up their nefarious practices, we may live long enough to see the most benighted reactionaries and war patriots realize that they were wrong and that the people whom they slandered as traitors and seditious and pro-Germans were really the Simon-pure Americans of the land. Let the good work go on!

### War's Wanton Waste.

For some months the newspapers have been publishing accounts as to the actual cost accruing to the United States on account of its participation in the World War. Secretary Houston ought to know. In a report recently published, he says that we expended \$24,010,000,000. This does not include the \$10,000,000,000 we loaned to the allies and which amount, the secretary is hopeful, will be repaid some day. To put it mildly, it was a very high-priced war, and when the American taxpayers confront the demd total, they may be interested in recalling some of the ways in which the money was expended. Only 60 million dollars were expended on a powder plant which never produced a pound of powder for the war; 116 million dollars went into a nitrate plant which made a similar record. At Charleston, S. C., over 17 million dollars were sunk in the construction of a port terminal, located in an isolated swamp, ten miles up a river which had to be dredged before the site could be reached. This terminal was not used at all during the war and is now a mere dead horse. Another little item of \$264,955,387 represents 617 contracts for 155 millimeter shells, not one of which ever reached the firing line. To this should be added an item of one billion dollars, expended in aviation fighting plane ever getting to the front, not to mention the incredible waste brought to light by the recent investigation of shipping-board contracts. With this before the taxpayer he can get a fair notion of why the government expenses are now reckoned at some four billion dollars yearly.

Strange why those recent converts to "co-operation" try out their theory only in those states where organized farmers and organized labor are already attempting to improve living condition. There is still a lot of territory where the "terrible" Non-partisan League is not working and where the farmers, as well as other laboring people, have just as big marketing problems as in Minnesota.

### Helping Armenia.

President Wilson now proposes that we loan the "struggling government of Armenia" some 20,000,000 dollars. There has been a great deal said and written about Armenia within the last few months and even years. The latest news that we have of that country is that it has gone Bolsheviki and has become thoroly "sovietized"

and is now looking to Russia for its future political and industrial success. It certainly cannot be the intention of President Wilson that this money should be loaned to a Bolsheviki government. Possibly there is some one, somewhere, a la Bakhmetiev, who represents the czarist government of Russia, which has been dead for several years, to whom this money is to go. Personally, we have no objection to lending a helping hand to starving Armenia, but we certainly object to have this money used to finance some covetous and greedy statesmen, to be squandered in the promotion of some sinister political purpose. But that is just what is going to happen, unless Congress places the necessary restrictions on any money that may be voted for suffering Armenia.

Everything seems to be tumbling except the high cost of labor. Wages are being cut and working people are being turned away from their jobs, but the prices of the necessities of life are still considerably above normal, although some price reductions have been made.

Hank's hired man says: "It's as hard to keep politishuns from buttin' in on farmers' organizations as it is to keep flies out of the house in summer."

Two of the raised bills that were circulated in New Ulm by Bernhard Maier of Canby, recently are still missing, no trace of them having yet been found. One of the bills, the seventh, was handed an employee of the New Ulm Steam Laundry, in exchange for a pay check at a local bank. The raised bill was then detected.

Mrs. Emil F. Buenger has purchased the hair dressing parlors which Miss Agnes Lang has been conducting in the rear of Mrs. Vivian Dorn's millinery store for the past few years, and will remove them to the Buenger home on North Washington street, after January 1. Mrs. Buenger formerly conducted this business at the present location.

Read the advertisements in the Review today.

Some 24 lady friends most agreeably surprised Mrs. Frank Kalz at her home on North Washington street, Wednesday evening. The affair was in the nature of a shower and all present enjoyed a good time, cards and other games being played. Mrs. Kalz was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. At midnight a delicious repast was served.

The high wind last Tuesday night caused trouble with the electric light wires in the rear of the F. H. Retzlaff hardware store and that section of the city was in total darkness for several hours, until electricians had found the trouble. About the only inconvenience caused by the temporary breakdown was at the postoffice, where oil lamps had to be requisitioned to enable the night clerk to perform his duties.

Mrs. Edward Geisler, nee Miss Elda Schrader, was guest of honor at a five o'clock tea and parcel shower at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Dorothea Schrader, on North Franklin street Friday afternoon. Some 20 of her friends were present and the affair proved a very pleasant surprise for the bride of a day, who was showered with many beautiful and useful gifts. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eagle Roller Mill Co. recently, the following directors were elected for the new year: William Silverson, C. A. Taney, H. L. Beecher, H. L. Hoidale and A. O. Olson. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, William Silverson; first vice president, H. L. Hoidale; second vice president, C. A. Taney; secretary, A. O. Olson; treasurer and general manager H. L. Beecher.

We are in receipt of a circular letter sent out from the Premier's office in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, stating that it has been found necessary to again postpone the meeting of the Press Congress of the World, which was fixed to take place in Sydney in March and April, 1921. The widespread unsettled after-war conditions in European countries are given as the principal reason for postponing this momentous gathering of newspaper men from all parts of the globe.

Jack Forster, expert electrician in the employ of the Ulrich Electric Co., was called to Gaylord, yesterday afternoon, to testify for the defendant. Jack examined the ruins after the fire and found quite a bit of faulty wiring. The defense claims that this caused the conflagration.

Dr. M. A. Vogtel and his brother, Harold C. Vogtel, both of Minneapolis, were New Ulm visitors last week. They are the administrators of the estate of their late father, Charles Vogtel, and transacted business in connection with their duties as such while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Koehler of Minneapolis will arrive here this week to spend Christmas with New Ulm relatives. The former's brother, Armin, who holds a responsible position with the Northwestern Telephone Co. at Fargo, N. D., is also expected home for the gladsome yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wolter and children and Mrs. Frank Lubitz and daughter, Lydia, autoed to New Ulm, last Sunday, where they spent a short time visiting with Mr. Wolter's sister, who is at present confined in the Union Hospital in that city.—Gibbon Gazette.

Announcement has been made by Ringling Bros. that the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is not in the big show merger which was perfected recently, when two Denver, Colo., magnates purchased a number of circuses. The two first-named aggregations will continue to exist individually from the combine.

The county commissioners of Nicollet county met in special session at St. Peter, Monday, for the purpose of considering a preliminary report on County Ditch No. 71, a new drainage project proposed in Lake Prairie and New Sweden townships. According to the drainage engineer in charge, the ditch will cost \$43,823.03 and would drain some 2,000 acres of land. As proposed there will be 15,885 feet of open ditch and 43,500 feet of tile in the system.



## HANDKERCHIEFS FOR CHRISTMAS

There are certain Gifts that everybody receives with a smile and a THANK YOU. Handkerchiefs are amongst these. They always make good Gifts and the best Handkerchiefs are to be found at THE BEE HIVE—of course.

One Lot of Silk Handkerchiefs that are easily worth from 25c to 39c, will be sold specially, at only 15c

Our line of Box Handkerchiefs will be most complete. There will be boxes containing one, two, three and four Handkerchiefs and they will sell at all kinds of prices from 25c to 95c a box.

Plain White Handkerchiefs in Ladies' size, hemmed and hemstitched, while they last, only 4c

Men's Handkerchiefs, hemmed and hemstitched, plain white, at 3 for 25c

The line will be most complete and will contain Silk, Cotton and even Linen Handkerchiefs at any price you want to pay, as follows: 4c, 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15, 19c, 23c, 25c, 29c, 35c, 39c, 45c, 50c, 59c, 75c, 85c, 89c, 95c, 98c.

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IT will soon be time to take inventory again and it takes a lot of time to count all the different items and write them down in a book, so the fewer the articles we have to count, the quicker we will get through.

We find that of some articles we have more on hand than is necessary, and other articles we want to close out altogether to make room for some other lines that we will carry in stock from now on.

Of those items that we have too many we will sell only until we have the required number left. Those that we want to close out, the price will do all the talking.

So just come and hear the RED and YELLOW TAGS TALK.

UPSTAIRS and DOWNSTAIRS, all over the store you will find those RED and YELLOW TAGS. They will mean dollars in your pocket, and some of those tags are going to raise an awful racket.

There will be many different articles on sale that it will be impossible to mention all of them here.

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