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THE SEAS WILL BE FREE.

Most of us are good people. We admit it. If we weren't we would not admit it as often as we do. The trouble is to get other people to believe it.

When a man has a first-class opportunity of profiting by sinister practices and hasn't taken a t. vantage of it he doesn't need to toot his horn. His record does that for him.

Your Uncle Sam is in the position of that gentleman. He has had many a chance of territorial expansion at the expense of weaker neighbors and has turned them down. He isn't perfect, but his record is pretty good, and it will help him at the peace conference. Not many of the conferees will attend with as clear a conscience.

The world is fortunate in not having to depend on guesswork in sizing up America's principles. It has the same advantage with regard to the British navy.

If England were to assure us that naval supremacy would be benevolently used we might be skeptical in default of proof. But England's maritime strength has been exercised with singular benevolence—notably in the suppression of slave traffic where no mercenary motive was even faintly perceptible. Just exactly who has been victimized by it is hard to say.

The meaning of that mysterious expression, "The freedom of the seas," has never been completely clarified. It doesn't need to be. We know by experience what free seas are. The seas have been free to everybody since Noah went sailing, and it is rather late to start an argument about it now.

If Uncle Sam contributes his vast naval power to the policing of the oceans no one will welcome him more heartily than John Bull. But Johnny is not likely to junk his dreadnaughts, and we should worry while Johnny pays for them.

THE HOLIDAY OF GENUINE GOOD WILL.

Christmas is the only one of our holidays the observance of which is based upon love and thoughtfulness for other people than our individual selves. 50th or holidays are for the most part, as is fitting, in recognition of a great national event or in memory of those who have done and suffered great things for their country. Thanksgiving expresses gratitude for our blessings, and New Year's, if we keep it with thoughtfulness, is an occasion for a little self-examination and some fresh resolves.

But Christmas is rightly a day of generosity and love.

We make the children happy with toys and candies, we think of the old folks who will please nothing so much as to see us, and we plan pleasant home entertainments. But Christmas lacks something if our observance of it is limited by our family alone and our friends.

The festival will be an especially joyous one for deserted this year. The shadow of a great and cruel war has been lifted from us. We look forward to an era of peace and prosperity.

But at the same time there has never been a year when generosity was more needed. Prices of all commodities are appalling high, and the little income of many a family has been entirely diminished by the absence of one or more of its wage earners in the army. If we consider this and not forgetting our own dear ones, do what we can to bring cheer and pleasure to those in need, we shall indeed feel the true meaning of a great Christmas. As we have been prompted to do so give.

IT'S THE PRESIDENT'S SON
President Wilson's top official

to attend the peace conference is a wise and appropriate undertaking. There are several reasons why he should be at hand.

In the first place, the German advances for peace have been made to him and presented to the Allies through his agency. In the second place, at the conference many questions will naturally come up which will be subject to marked differences of opinion. The Allies, necessarily harmonious in time of war, may disagree in regard to the terms of peace. President Wilson's authority and personality are likely to be a strong factor in composing any such differences. The fact that America has nothing to ask for herself will strengthen his position. In the third place, though America seeks neither indemnity nor annexation of territory, she has a real and grave interest in many of the adjustments to be made. Who can handle these matters as well as Mr. Wilson? We applaud his decision to go.

KEEP UP THE PACE.

The total production of the war gardens was so enormous that it was hardly credible. It represented the effort of amateur farmers who never did anything of the kind before and probably never will again.

But why shouldn't they? If we are capable of producing so gigantic a surplus of foodstuffs, why don't we go on producing it, or something equally necessary?

The same applies to all our wartime efforts. With similar standards of production and achievement maintained everybody in the country would have an automobile, a steam yacht and a winter home.

Nezperce is using the safe and some policy in meeting the mysterious influenza situation, and the policy seems to be working successfully. At any rate, there was not a case of the dread malady in town the first half of this week and such few cases as had been recently reported got off mildly. The system here is, to go about the ordinary business routine and daily pursuits without unreasonable exposure to climatic conditions, and each individual taking care of his own health condition, using the precaution taught by experience to ward off any symptoms—being careful and

not getting frightened or excited. Amusements are permitted in a limited and mild way, and public gatherings go on as usual, but packing and overcrowding is not practiced. An ounce of preventative and common sense are the best panaceas yet discovered for meeting this particular brand of human trouble. Use them!

If the Associated Press would function in the future as it did under the direction of its originators, it must steer clearer of a perceptibly growing tendency toward certain classes and interests. This is a hint from a tiny source, perhaps, but there is meat in it.

Cheer up—the young folks want to enjoy Christmas, and it is their right to do so!

The world is gradually awakening from its nightmare.

HERALDS

Items not intended to hit or miss anyone in particular, but just to remind you—

That being cheerful at the other fellow's expense is another thing.

That Uncle Sam's best Christmas present will be his boys home again.

That Santa won't have to make his rounds over there in a tank anyway.

That at the peace table Germany's part is to wait until the Allies are satisfied.

That they are good to buy, good to hold, good to give for Christmas—War Savings Stamps.

That it is to be hoped that after dispensing with Kaiserism the Germans will adopt a wiser-isim.

That if the world would be and keep free for democracy the system which permits and fosters big profiteering must change.

That the senate intends to be represented at the peace conference. If it can't receive appointments, it means to tag along anyhow.

That the same fine old rule applies again this Christmas: It isn't the price of the gift, but the thought behind it that really counts.

That fervent prayer is said to avail. Pray fervently then that you may not receive for Christmas a pair of purple socks or a yellow peckie.

That every now and then a patron gets the notion that public schools are run for something other than furnish

ing employment and salaries.

That in Des Moines everybody is required to wear a flu mask except when in his own home. Des Moines looks like one big masquerade ball.

That if the proposed international police fleet has the characteristics of a city police force, is it not likely to be pretty constantly stranded on a bar?

That when Johnny comes marching home, Susie will be waiting for him with her prettiest frock and her most winning smile and her best chocolate cake.

That one part of the young woman's deprivation has been relieved. Sales of candy for Christmas are no longer restricted to one-pound parcels. But what's the use? The young man to purchase the candy is not at home yet.

That whether it is coffee or woolen goods or railroad fare that go up, fate has decreed that the advance shall be met by the ultimate consumer. How satisfactory that would be if you and I didn't happen to be the ultimate consumer!

That the U. S. soldiers are the greatest fighters on earth. They proved this in the world contest; and if a fellow of the T. R. stripe could get at the head of the government now he would just about try to do with them what the Kaiser did with the Germans.

That it is reported that former Emperor Charles of Austria's mental depression spends hours at his desk, staring vacantly before him. If all the former emperors had confined themselves to such harmless procedures the world would be infinitely better off.

The Community Church.

A friendly church. Claude B. Martin, minister.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon: "The Man Who Blamed Others." Music by the choir. Mrs. Elizabeth Pennell, director.

Evening service 7:30. Come and enjoy a community sing.

If you have no church home you will find a place here where you will feel at home. This church has a message for to-day. It is trying to reach people where they live. Come and help us boost the best interests of this community.

I have listed for rent 400 acres of farm land close to Nezperce, 80 acres of this being summer fallow, stock and farm implements must go with this land. See Curtis J. Miller. 231f.

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CHRISTMAS

Suggestions

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- Pianos
- Buffets
- Davenport
- Upholstered Rockers
- Dressers
- Dressing Tables
- Library Tables
- Dining Tables
- Dining Chairs
- Rugs—Axminsters, Velvets and Wool Fibers—all sizes

- Fine China Ware
- Aluminum Ware
- Cedar Chests
- Toys for the kiddies
- Beds, Springs and Mattresses
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Show and Sale of Registered Shorthorns

At Lewiston, Idaho, Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 1918

35 Bulls 35

31 Females 31

The Cattle have been drafted from the leading herds of the Northwest and many choice animals will be found in the offering.

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Joe Turner, Sales Mgr.
Myers Falls, Washington

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