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WITH every expression of "GOODWILL TO MAN" upon this greatest of all Christmas days, the patrons of this store and all friends will share in the thought of A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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GRESHAM, OREGON

Merrill Good arrived home from a camp in California on Saturday. He was in an eastern camp and had orders to sail when the news of the armistice was received.

Keith and Harold Lyman are home from Willamette University to spend the holidays. Both have been in the S. A. T. C. They plan to continue their college work after Christmas.

GRESHAM LOCALS

Mrs. G. B. Belt enjoyed a visit last week from her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bauerle of Centralia, Washington.

Howard Miller, son of Mrs. D. S. Johnson, has received his discharge and is at the home of his mother.

Mrs. L. T. Lusted and daughter Inez spent Sunday with the former's son, Harry Lusted, and family at Lents.

Miss Lynette Svenson, of Astoria, spent the week-end with Mrs. Kirk Thompson. The two were sorority sisters at Oregon Agricultural college.

Miss Ethel Calkins has received the appointment as industrial club leader for the rural schools of Multnomah county and will enter upon her duties with the beginning of the new year.

John Hamlin came home last night, arriving at midnight. He has been in California since his enlistment last June but was unable to do full military duty and has now received his discharge.

Mrs. W. E. Bates of Portland was a business visitor in Gresham yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have recently purchased a home on Division street between 37th and 38th street, where they are living.

A telegram was received this morning by Mrs. Henry Metzger from her son Bert, from New York City, where he had recently arrived from France. The message contained Christmas greetings and the information that he was fairly well.

Miss Elsie Calkins, who has been engaged for several weeks by the federal government compiling statistics in regard to the conditions of workmen's families in industrial centers in the cities of the northwest, is now working in Portland and is returning each night to her home near Gresham.

Miss Mabel Inglis has resigned her position as teacher of the first grade in the Gresham school. She is now office assistant to her father, Dr. Geo. Inglis. The school board has elected as Miss Inglis' successor Miss Myrtle Hagerman of Portland, recently from Arizona.

Mrs. J. H. Metzger received a card this morning from her son Walter, written on December 20 from Chicago. He was on a west-bound troop train and on the same train were George Raney, Archie McKeown and other Gresham boys, also Willie Martin of Bull Run. The boys arrived recently from France.

Postmaster Roberts has just received a "Father's Day" letter from his son Kenneth, who is in the engineering forces in France. Kenneth is now a master engineer, junior grade and is in line for further promotion. His letter is full of a desire to return home although he is ready to see the thing through if necessary.

The first meeting of the Student Body organization of Union High school was held in the assembly hall on last Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the editorial staff of The Argus: editor-in-chief, Mabel Brown; business manager, Eva Tacheron; alumni editor, Rachel Peterson; exchange editor, Gertrude Dowsett; society editor, Marie Tacheron.

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union yesterday packed 435 individual Christmas boxes for the sick soldiers at Vancouver Barracks. Apples, popcorn and bulk candy were furnished by the state organization, which were augmented by donations of home-made candy by local members. Several large packing boxes were filled with the gifts, which were taken to the hospital today by Mrs. Maxwell Schneider and Miss Florence Honey.

FOR SPECIAL FARM TRACTOR COURSES

A twelve week course in selection, repair, and operation of farm tractors will begin January 6 at the Agricultural college. It is intended to meet the unusual demand for tractor operators due to recent heavy purchases by farmers mainly to offset labor shortage and high cost of feed for horses. One month short courses will be given January 6 to February 1, February 3 to March 1, and March 3 to March 29. Tractors for practice purposes will be supplied by large firms.

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



The statesmen who are considering the business of relief work in Europe must realize that it does not so much matter how the job is done as that it should be promptly done. There is a feeling that there should be an inter-allied commission to control for at least a year the distribution of raw materials to various countries. Perhaps there should be, but the question of raw materials has no direct relation to the question of food for starving people. The American view is that the two problems should not be confused. It is, too, urged that the raw material matter is more or less connected with the policy adopted by the allies before this nation entered the war. It is still a subject for discussion.

Whether Mr. Hoover should have charge of the work as director general of relief is yet to be decided. Probably it would be better to have one man in charge. But whatever may be the decision on this point—and it should be promptly made—the duty of the entente and the United States is to get food at once to the starving people of Europe. There are many Russians for whom comparatively little can be done this winter, but there are some who can be saved. The needs of Armenia, Palestine and Mesopotamia are great. Belgium will require looking after, and it may be that the French and the Italians will need help.

One of Mr. Hoover's duties is to find out what, if anything is needed by the Germans. The stories in regard to conditions in the central empires are conflicting. One thing is certain, however, and that is that it would be very bad policy to allow Bolshevism to spread in Europe. Vast amounts will be needed for Europe, and much of it will have to be provided by this country. There should be no delay in the matter of distribution. Sound statesmanship as well as humanity demand this. The question of raw materials can wait.

A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, with stores accumulated on the farms, there is famine in the large centers of population.

Belgium and northern France, as well as Serbia, appear on the hunger map distinct from the rest of Europe because they stand in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has for four years maintained the small war rations of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased after-the-war needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this plan, are urgent in the extreme and must have immediate relief.

The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to her during the war constitutes the strongest appeal for us to continue our work there. The moment the German armies withdrew from her soil and she was established once more in her own seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens.

Germany on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for Americans because there is no present indication that we shall be called on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problem if she is given access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers.

England, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, all of which have been maintained from American supplies, have sufficient food to meet immediate needs, but their future presents serious difficulties. The same is true of Spain and the northern neutral countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—whose ports have been open and who have been able to draw to some degree upon foreign supplies.

Most of Russia is already in the throes of famine, and 40,000,000 people there are beyond the possibility of help. Before another spring thousands of them inevitably must die. This applies as well to Poland and practically throughout the Baltic regions, with conditions most serious in Finland.

Bohemia, Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro have already reached the famine point and are suffering a heavy toll of death. The Armenian population is falling each week as hunger takes its toll, and in Greece, Albania and Roumania so serious are the food shortages that famine is near. Although starvation is not yet imminent, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey are in the throes of serious stringencies.

In order to fulfill America's pledge in world relief we will have to export every ton of food which can be handled through our ports. This means at the very least a minimum of 20,000,000 tons compared with 6,000,000 tons pre-war exports and 11,820,000 tons exported last year, when we were bound by the ties of war to the European allies.

If we fail to lighten the black spots on the hunger map or if we allow any portions to become darker the very peace for which we fought and bled will be threatened. Revolt and anarchy inevitably follow famine. Should this happen we will see in other parts of Europe a repetition of the Russian debacle and our fight for world peace will have been in vain.

Weather Forecast.

Forecast for the period December 23 to December 28, 118, inclusive. Pacific Coast States. Generally fair, except rain or snow second half of the week over the north portion. Nearly normal temperatures.

GLYCERINE MIXTURE FOR APPENDICITIS.

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FAIRVIEW

Rev. W. T. Atkinson, pastor of the Fairview Methodist Episcopal church, announces preaching service at the church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Services will be held at this hour each Sunday evening. Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock. A cordial welcome is given to all.

Tailoring

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

MELROSE AND VICTORY

Unusually interesting services were held at Iliff church last Sunday and the attendance was good. Services will be held next Sunday at 3 o'clock as usual, at which time the pastor, Rev. Earl B. Cotton, will preach. He will also sing a solo.

While it may be true that the number of sheep in this country is diminishing, the number of mutton-heads are multiplying as rapidly as ever.

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Council of National Defense Poses for Victorious War Picture



Written into history with the United States' part in the world war will go the names of these seven men who proved themselves equal to the task imposed upon them through our plunge into the great conflict. It is the latest picture of the Council of National Defense, which, through various subordinate organizations, mobilized

American industry and science for a victorious war. Left to right, they are: Council Secretary G. B. Clarkson, Secretaries David L. Houston, Joseph Daniels, Newton D. Baker, Franklin K. Lane, William C. Redfield and William B. Wilson. The picture was posed November 29, 1918.

The Christmas Ship

In each package of goodies that went on the Christmas ship was a thought from the folks at home to tell the boys that proud and loving hearts await their return.

Far from the firing line, honor and joy are with us—enough for all; but the laurels for our part in Victory belong to "Pershing's Boys"—and the boys on the "Bridge of Ships."

But let us not forget that continued saving of both FOOD and MONEY is necessary and that we still have many opportunities for further serving Country and humanity.

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