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The Eve of Christmas . . .

We are on the eve of Christmas—the great family holiday. Here in the Daily News office, imbued with goodwill and the desire to wish the best of all to all of you, we have been wondering just how, in these anxious and sad times of terrible war, we are going to do it. We have thought about "A Merry Christmas," of course, but, somehow or other, "Merry" just does not seem to be the right word this time.

The fact of the matter is that a great many of us are not going to be completely merry. There are many who will not be able to refrain from sorrowing in memories of previous happy family Christmas days. Those are the people who have lost loved ones—particularly the young ones, who not so many years ago were looking forward to Santa Claus, hanging up their stockings, decorating their trees. Those of us who may have been fortunate enough not to have been directly ruck in this way would do well to pause in our celebrations to think of these men and their sorrowing loved ones for whom there has been so little time even as yet to assuage the pangs of their grief.

Then there are so many of us who in our family circles this year will miss the ones who may be far away—any, many of them in places of peril and hardship. For these Christmas cannot be a merry day because there is much too much anxiety.

Such are thoughts that we just cannot repress as we set about this annual task of addressing our annual Christmas greeting to you. Therefore, we must with feelings of propriety modify the wishes this time. But we can suggest that you all try to be as happy as possible and very hopeful, so, that ere another Yuletide rolls around on this troublous world, we may have our family circles complete and our loved ones back with us again—except those who will never return. So, after all, with these modifica-

tions, we can now extend to you the best wishes on this great day of days. May you celebrate with due thoughtfulness and moderation and may you celebrate with a real appreciation of the significance of the occasion—a significance which if we all appreciated would end wars once and for all and make this world of our a place of permanent peace and goodwill to all men.

And, meantime, it well behooves us every one to be as happy as we can and for those who may have good reason to be sorrowful and anxious to do all they can to throw, as we have done of old, a light of good cheer to our friends and neighbors all.

Looks Better in Far East . . .

While the situation in France looks none too good this year, we may observe better news from the war in the Far East. The American Army forces, by taking the port of Ormoc, have thus gained a deep-water port facing into the Philippine archipelago and at the same time cut off a sizable force from the main body of Japanese troops. The taking of Ormoc does speed the conclusion.

The potentialities of the huge British Pacific fleet formed under the command of Admiral Fraser are great. The fact that Admiral Fraser is to operate with but not under either Admiral Nimitz or General MacArthur is nothing new. The Allied high command apparently agreed some time ago that the Pacific theatre is too vast to permit any over-all commander. Where this fleet will base is not announced, except that its operations are moved farther east than the Indian Ocean station. With this new armada exerting its power eastward and matching the westward pressure of the American naval and amphibious forces, Japan appears unlikely to prevent the isolation and eventual loss of the Dutch East Indies as well as the Philippines, and will certainly lose the sea route to Burma.

These are all developments in the ocean and island warfare against the Japanese island empire which has long been going well. But there is also somewhat better news from the land war in China where the picture is still dark. Chinese counter-attacks have halted, at least for a time, the spearhead of the Japanese advance into Kweichow Province which has been threatening Kunming and Chungking.

THIS AND THAT



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TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

How we love to read the story of the first Christmas!

How dear to us is this story of the birth of Jesus—the watchful shepherds, the Three Wise Men, the humble surroundings, the gentle mother, the tiny babe who, when he grew to manhood, was to reveal and demonstrate the Christ, Truth, in all its fullness!

Through the study of Christian Science one learns that in proportion as he thinks and lives in accordance with the Christ, he is lifted above hate, greed, jealousy—all the evil thinking that leads to war. Christ Jesus proved that this is possible. What a debt of gratitude we owe to One who lived so unselfishly in evidence of the fact that the only power, the only presence, the animating Principle, is divine Love! He proved that the real man is always governed by God, divine Love. There is in reality no man but God's man, ever at one with the Christ, the true manifestation of Love . . . Discerning evil as mesmeric illusion, and knowing that in reality God alone governs, we can say with the one who proved that Christ is the true idea of love. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34).

From the world's way of thinking, no one could have had more reason to refuse to forgive than the Master. But he did not let the world's way of thinking rule him and neither can we. He knew that the real man is the image and likeness of divine Love so he could forgive even those who sought his life.

Speaking of the continuing demonstration of Christ, Truth, and its final triumph over the beliefs of race, nationality, and mortal selfhood, thus bringing permanent peace, Mary Baker Eddy writes (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 565), "The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but of his kingdom there shall be no end." For Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples—imperatively, absolutely, finally—with divine Science. —(From the Christian Science Monitor).



May your Christmas Joys be many and the Festive Season bring you Much Happiness.

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To all my customers
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WM. GOLDBLOOM



Once again the season of Christmas is here, bringing with it a heartfelt appreciation for the goodwill and forbearance our many friends have shown during a difficult year. That you may know all the delights of the day of days is the wish of . . .

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Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. —Isa. 9:5.

For hearts, if true and lowly, The manger-cradles are, Where comes the Christ-guest holy.

With love, the guiding Star. —Anon.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. —Luke 2:14.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town! It's anywhere that Christ comes down And finds in people's friendly face

A welcome and abiding place; The road to Bethlehem runs right through The homes of folks like me and you. —Madeleine S. Miller.

Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:11.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men. —Longfellow.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Construction of Sangar River Bridge and Chown Slough Bridge on the Massett-Tow Hill Road, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

Sealed Tenders for labour in constructing two bridges, endorsed "Tenders for Sangar River Bridge and Chown Slough Bridge," will be received by the Minister of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., up to 12 o'clock noon, 9th January, 1945, and opened in public at his office at that time and date.

Plans and Specifications, etc., may be obtained from the office of the undersigned or from J. Forsyth, Public Works Department, Court House, Vancouver, or from J. C. Brady, District Engineer, Prince Rupert, on deposit of a sum of Ten Dollars (\$10) which will be refunded upon the return of the plans, etc., in good condition within a period of one month of the receipt of tenders.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque made payable to the Minister of Public Works, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) which shall be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into contract, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for.

The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them when the contract has been awarded. Tenders must be made out on the forms supplied and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A. L. CARRUTHERS, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., December 14th, 1944.



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