

# A Merry Christmas

The holidays are with us—Christmas, the day of good cheer; New Year's, the day of good resolutions. We wish our patrons in particular and the community in general "A Merry Christmas." This wish comes from the warmest corner of our hearts as we fully realize that our efforts to please our rapidly increasing patrons has been fully appreciated. Would it not be a Christian act for you to suggest this to any of your friends in whom you feel an interest? Come to the bank with them and help to start them on the road to prosperity before the New Year begins. One of our savings pass books, with a credit of one dollar or more, would make a fine Christmas present.

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### BECOME SOLDIERS QUICKLY

GENERAL IN FRANCE SAYS HE WAS GREATLY SURPRISED.

Cites Several Examples, Men from All Walks Now Well Drilled and Eager to Fight.

The development of the men of the first American contingent in France in the science of war was described today as truly remarkable by the general commanding the division.

"I have been in the army since I was a boy," he said. "During that time I have observed many Americans and many foreign soldiers, but never in my life have I seen anything equaling the men now here. When my division landed we had shock-headed boys by the hundreds. They were clerks, mechanics, day laborers, farmer boys, old and young from every walk in life. Some spoke English and some did not. There were Poles, Bohemians, Russians, Jews and Gentiles. But in this short time they have become first-class soldiers, energetic to the extreme and have fallen into the ways of army life as I never thought possible. They are game to the core and their one idea is to beat the Germans, and give them a good beating. There is not a streak of yellow in the whole lot, and their morale, even in the trenches, is fine.

**Eager to Patrol.**  
"Here is an example: One night recently an officer called for volunteers to go patrolling in No Man's Land. He asked for twenty men. The whole company volunteered on the spot. Twenty were picked and lamp black was provided for them to put on their bayonets so that the light would not shine on them. During the blacking one private who had been in the army for four months stopped a moment turned to a comrade and said: 'Gee, if I can run this into one of those Boches I bet he'll get blood-poisoning, and I hope he does. The boy knew the place to patrol was extremely dangerous and that he might be a casualty within thirty minutes.'

**Remembered His Training.**  
"At another time I had just passed a line of soldiers walking along a road in the rain when I came across one who was hatless, mud covered and limping. I stopped my automobile and asked him what was the matter. The soldier stood on one foot, the other being injured. He

### REPORT ON WORLD'S CROPS.

Bumper Crops of Corn and Other Crops is the Forecast.

Bumper world crops of corn, oats, potatoes, rice, sugar beets and tobacco for this year are shown by estimates compiled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, made public by the department of agriculture at Washington. Wheat, rye, barley and flax seed, however, have fallen below the five-year average of production from 1911 to 1915.

The production of wheat in seventeen countries, not including the Central Powers, will be 1,868,000,000 bushels, 85.6 per cent. of the five-year average. Corn raised will amount to 3,312,000,000 bushels, which is 14.1 per cent. greater than the average production for the last five years. Other crops are estimated as follows:

- Rye, 147,000,000 bushels, 92.2 per cent.
- Barley, 587,000,000 bushels, 96 per cent.
- Oats, 2,682,000,000 bushels, 113.9 per cent.
- Rice, 70,000,000 bushels, 115.5 per cent.
- Flax seed, 38,000,000 bushels, 69.8 per cent.
- Potatoes, 719,000,000 bushels, 112.4 per cent.
- Sugar beets, 10,000,000 short tons, 106.6 per cent.
- Tobacco, 1,186,000,000 pounds, 120.5 per cent.

The 1917 potato crop is estimated to consist of 453,000,000 bushels, or half again as much as last year. Reports from the commission on car service indicate that more than 75,000 cars will be needed to handle it. saluted and said his horse started to run into a stonewall, so he threw him down, but fell under him. That's the spirit we are getting. The man was badly hurt but even that did not make him forget his training of a few weeks.

"I was returning at that time from the hospital where I saw a few wounded men. Some of the men's proudest and most valuable possessions on earth are the bullets and pieces of shrapnel which thoughtful surgeons saved for them on extracting. Every man wanted to exhibit the cause of his wound. Their thoughts were all about recovering, rejoining their regiments and getting a chance to pay back the enemy in his own coin."

### Urges Smokeless Friday.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chairman of the woman's committee of the national council of defense, at a mass meeting of Maryland mothers termed the war a "women's war, man-made in Germany." She declared the greatest proof of patriotism in women was the fact that they gave their sons for war.

"We must send our boys away with a smile on our faces," she said. "The time for tears must be after they are gone. Let our children know that they live in the land where men are willing to die and where women are willing to give all for their country. All the world is calling to the womanhood and the motherhood of America."

Dr. Shaw urged a "smokeless Friday" for the men at home and that they send the tobacco so saved to the men in the field.

A message to America's men in the service was drafted and will be sent to the various units Christmas. It is:

"The women of America are with you in spirit and in service. You are our standard-bearers and our hope. We love you, believe in you, and pray for you this Christmas morn."

### Many Horses Die.

Camp Jackson has experienced a tremendous loss of valuable horses in consequence of the stampede one night recently, when 1,000 of the animals tore through the corrals and scattered widely over Richland county. Whether all have been recovered has not been determined.

A couple of thousand others did not break through the stockades that night, but having become nervous from the stampede of the other group milled all night. Bonfires and every other known device to check the frightened animals in their mad career through the corrals were resorted to without avail. The horses ran in circles throughout the night. In consequence hundreds of the horses immediately developed acute pneumonia. An average of about 20 died daily for some time after the stampede and several hundred very sick animals are still being treated at the veterinary hospital.

Nick Romanoff, too, would doubtless appreciate a "place in the sun." Keep your eye peeled for the price-boosting hog. He isn't dead, but sleepeth.

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