

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

NOT ANTAGONISTIC.

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

Under bold headlines containing such terms as "blackers," "pro-Germans at heart" and such phrases as "don't believe that wounded men ought to get treatment" and "new type of conscientious objectors," appears an interview in the Saturday issue of the Telegraph with a local Red Cross official. He is quoted as saying, "I cannot conceive of anyone who does not believe in aiding the injured or dying." He then promptly proceeds to conceive the inconceivable and attempts to attack such an odious conception to a Christian Scientist as though his religion were responsible.

Such publications need correction if nothing more. Besides being altogether untrue, that publication certainly tends to do more harm than good, whatsoever the intention may be.

Promptly after the entry of this country into the war, the directors of the Mother Church at Boston gave public notice that no Christian Scientists are exempt from military service on account of their religion. Much less can they claim exemption on religious grounds from contributing to any need of our soldiers and sailors, whatsoever that need may be. The said directors, prior to our participation in the war, had their war relief representatives in practically every country at war, and their considerable sum was expended in that way and distributed with no expense to the fund except for transmission.

The Christian Science Church of this city was among the first churches, and probably the first church, in this vicinity to appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Red Cross. For confirmation consult the treasurer of the local Chapter.

The writer was present at the congregational business meeting of the church on that occasion. A man moved to contribute a certain sum to the Red Cross. A lady followed with a motion to double the sum, in spite of the fact that every dollar was needed then on building contracts for a church edifice in process of erection. The motion carried without a dissenting vote.

The lady who moved the question has on other occasions since given time, money and entertainment to soldiers in the service of the United States, regardless of their church affiliations. You will not find that lady's name on the membership of the Red Cross, but there are boys in the service who are quite willing, if needed, to come back with their bayonets and defer to the lady against such unwarranted aspersions.

This lady and several other Christian Scientists, when later approached by a Red Cross solicitor, gently but firmly told the latter that they did not wish to join, but would aid in war relief through their church. "To what church do you belong?" came the query. "The Christian Science Church."

On the card shown as an excuse for this publisher, the solicitor wrote in one instance as reason for not joining, "Christian Scientist. Do their work in their own way." In another instance the solicitor wrote, "working for Christian Church." These cards do not give the correct attitude of the Christian Scientist, nor do they justify the statement that either of the Christian Scientists referred to "do not believe in aiding the injured or dying" as added, nor that any of them are opposed to Red Cross aid for the soldiers.

The statements simply mean that their contributions would be given to the church to be appropriated by the church for war relief as the congregation deemed best.

In the only other instance in which a card was shown as an excuse for this attack the statement appeared that the husband of the lady approached "attends to both through his business relations. Does not believe in medical research. Scientist." Nothing was said about religion or any church denomination in this instance so far as the lady can recall. She simply wished to leave the matter to her husband, and desired to enter a protest against using Red Cross funds for medical experiments on animals and vivisection. The term "vivisection" although purposely given by the lady, was not placed on the card by the solicitor and for some reason the word "Scientist" added, nor was his hand entered both his and his wife's name as members of the Red Cross.

The protest in this instance was made not as a Christian Scientist, but for the same reasons that thousands of other protests are being made by those who are not Christian Scientists and for which the Red Cross management alone may be to blame. It is to be noted in this publication that the religion of those who were not Scientists was not mentioned.

Now what, under the circumstances, should be done in a free country? Instead of using the very questionable method of composing and publishing "hymns of hate" and trying to bring odium upon innocent people who mean well, the Christian Science organization purposes to use a better method. It purposes to extend its war relief in such a way as

to give every one an opportunity to contribute thereto and without leaving a loophole for excuses, using the money received in carrying out the purposes for which the contributions are made in doing this to reach every legitimate need. If the fund cannot be used for all legitimate purposes it will at least relieve some Red Cross funds for those purposes, and thus accomplish the same end. This will be found much better than to create needless antagonism.

The Government receives no more loyal support from any source than the Christian Science organization, and the Government officials at Washington are aware of this fact, if our Red Cross friend is not, and it can be depended upon to aid the suffering to the best of its ability.

When the recent disaster occurred at Halifax, the directors of the Mother Church promptly chartered a special train to go to its relief, although all the Christian Scientists in that unfortunate city were reported safe. The Red Cross organization failed to get train accommodations and requested permission to join the Christian Science train and it was promptly granted and a number of doctors, nurses, as well as Red Cross supplies, were taken along.

Such a thing should occasion no comment, but, strange to say, it did in certain quarters, as though Christian Scientists would allow any difference of religion to interfere with so good a purpose. (Incidentally, it was a newspaperman who first pointed out to the writer the fact that in a well-known metropolitan newspaper the Red Cross had taken credit for the whole affair.)

Recently the local church placed plates for the convenience of members passing out who desired to contribute for the relief of the Halifax sufferers, under conditions similar to those when the contribution was made to the Red Cross. The result was most gratifying and surprising, showing that Christian Scientists are as liberal towards the suffering and unfortunate, and perhaps more so, than any other class of people.

There are apologies due from our Red Cross friend. He has not used his usual cool business judgment. Either his commendable zeal for a good cause or an inexcusable antagonism towards a religion differing from his own has led him to do uncommendable things. If citizens of a country desire to conduct their legitimate activities and charities without ostentation and without allowing their names to appear, what kind of a disposition is that which would say them nay?

Respectfully,
AARON E. BRANDT,
Committee on Publication.

Many Guests at Annual New Year's Banquet

The New Year's breakfast of John Brady at the Harrisburg Club yesterday attracted a large company of prominent men from this city and elsewhere. It was one of the most successful breakfasts ever given by Mr. Brady to his friends in many years. Men representing the important professions, industrial and commercial interests, and the government were among the guests. During the breakfast Mr. Brady sprang a surprise by having the room suddenly decorated and showing the ten pictures which attracted much attention when they were presented in New York during the recent Second Liberty Loan Campaign.

New Cumberland Fire Company Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Citizen's Hose Company on Monday night the following officers were elected: President, Harry Hummel; Vice President, George Wilson; Treasurer, E. H. Fisher; Recording Secretary, George Spahr; Corresponding Secretary, Robert Kohler; Financial Secretary, Harry Baker; Trustee, George Spahr; Chief, Harry Baker; Assistant Chief, George Spahr; Foreman, Harry Hummel; First Assistant Foreman, Paul Britton; Second Assistant Foreman, George Petrov; Directors, Robert Kohler, Bailey Oiler, George Kittmiller, George Wilson, Chester Baker Delegate to the State Convention, Robert Kohler; Alternate, William Reed; Delegates to West Shore Foreman's Union, George Wilson, Harvey Hummel and William Reed.

STOPS HEADACHE, PAIN, NEURALGIA

Don't Suffer! Get a dime package of Dr. James' Headache Powders

You can clear your head and relieve a dull, splitting or violent throbbing headache in a moment with a Dr. James' Headache Powder. This old-time headache relief acts almost magically. Send some one to the drug store now for a dime package and a few moments after you take a powder you will wonder what became of the headache, neuralgia and pain. Stop suffering—it's needless. Be sure you get what you ask for.—Adv.

8th Year Christmas Savings Club Now Enrolling \$1,586,850.59 Saved by Members in Last 7 Years 8 Different Classes UNION TRUST COMPANY OF PENNA.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Let Us All Get Together and Send the K. of C. Drive Right Over the Top Annual January Presentation Undermuslins of Great Charm and Daintiness This interesting White Event begins tomorrow, and we believe it is safe to predict that it will carry a message of great import to well dressed women. Better Materials--Better Making--Better Proportions Our efforts in the direction of making each garment just a little better than the best of other seasons have been gratifyingly successful, so you may expect to find garments that will exceed your own expectations of goodness. Philippine Hand-Embroidered Pieces Lingerie Undermuslins, 25c to \$10.00

Silk and Crepe de Chine Underwear The richest and most complete assemblage that it has been our good fortune to gather together at any time—and the prices are extremely moderate. Crepe de Chine Camisoles, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$3.95 Envelope Chemise, \$1.95, \$2.50 to \$5.95 Gowns, \$3.95, \$5.00 to \$10.00 Kayser Silk Vests, \$2.50 to \$3.95 Kayser Silk Bloomers, \$2.95 and \$3.95 Kayser Silk Combinations, \$3.95 to \$5.95 Extra Size Undermuslins Low Neck Gowns, \$1.00 to \$3.95 High Neck Gowns, \$1.50 to \$2.95 Drawers, 50c, 65c to \$2.95 Corset Covers, 60c to \$2.95 Short Skirts, 65c to \$1.25 Combinations, \$1.25 to \$3.95 Crepe de Chine Camisoles, \$1.50 to \$2.95

Cotton Blouses of Batiste, Voile and Fine Madras, \$1.50 to \$3.95 The style showing is too varied to permit of making satisfactory comparisons. To thoroughly enjoy these new creations it is necessary that you see them. Madras Waists in semi-tailored styles with French turn back cuffs, \$1.50 Voile and batiste waists with fine tucks, lace insertion, organdie embroidery panels and hand embroidered or hemstitching forming a dainty touch of good style. Specially priced at \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95 and \$3.95 Satin and Silk Petticoats White satin petticoats with satin or lace trimmed flounce, \$3.95, \$4.50 to \$10.00 Wash silk petticoats, \$2.95 to \$5.95 Underwear For Misses & Children Knickerbocker or straight cut drawers with tucks and embroidery trimmings, 30c, 50c to 75c Muslin gowns, \$1.00 to 60c White satine bloomers, \$1.25 to 60c

Semi-Annual Silk Clearance Exceptional Values in High Grade Weaves This unusual sale comes with greater significance than ever before, bringing as it does out of the ordinary economies at a time when we are witnessing great advances in merchandise and when the reason for savings is most apparent. Grouped for quick reading— \$1.00 and \$1.25 Colored Marquisette, in 3 shades of blue; 40 inches wide. January price, yard, 59c \$1.25 brocade satin linings, in white with colored designs. January price, yard, 85c \$1.50 sport pongee in purple, green and grey, 36 inches wide. January price, yd., 95c \$1.39 black satin Duchess, 36 inches wide. January price, yard, 98c \$1.39 black peau de soie, 36 inches wide. January price, yard, 98c \$1.59 white and flesh crepe de chine, extra value. January price, yard, \$1.15 \$1.59 black peau de soie, 36 inches wide. January price, yard, \$1.19 \$1.75 black and white stripe taffeta suiting, 36 inches wide. January price, yd. \$1.19 \$2.00 satin stripe suitings in full piece patterns for dresses and waists. January price, yard, \$1.12 \$1.50 Japanese foulards in new styles. January price, yard, \$1.29 \$1.69 colored taffeta suitings in new shades for spring. January price, yd., \$1.39

Evening Crepes Merveilleux Satin Florence Rich weaves strikingly handsome in design and extremely moderate in price. \$2.25 fancy Evening Crepes in floral patterns; 40 inches wide. Special, yard, \$1.39 \$2.00 and \$2.50 Cinderella Silks in rich floral patterns; 40 inches wide. Special, yard, \$1.39 \$2.50 grosgrain taffeta in staple shades including Myrtle, Copen, Navy and taupe. Special, yard, \$1.59 \$2.25 plain satin fineste, in 15 street shades. Special, yard, \$1.79 Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart, Street Floor

Advance Style Tendencies Indicated in These New Corsets Individuality has long been recognized by corsetieres as all important in corsetry—but its importance has never been so fully recognized by corset wearers as now. The woman who seeks to be really well dressed and fashionable looks as carefully into the style and fit of her corset as to the modishness of her gowns. And it is just such well posted discriminating women who will most appreciate the beautiful new models that we have gathered for the remaining winter months. The new bust line and the little variations that go so much toward filling the individual needs of each figure type are features that bring this January showing up to the goal of corsetry perfection. Styles that women will be interested in include— LaCamille Corsets, \$3 to \$10 Mme Lyra Corsets, \$3.50 to \$12.00 Redfern Corsets, \$3.50 to \$12 Warner Rust-Proof, \$1.25 to \$4.00 American Lady, \$1.50 to \$4 Rengo Belt, \$2.50 and \$3.50 D., P. & S. Special, \$1 to \$3

400 Remnants in This Clearance of Colored and Black Dress Goods Many of the remnants in this first sale of the New Year represent a clear saving of a half. As the best selling styles are the quickest to accumulate short pieces, the desirability of the fabrics as to color and weave are self evident. A choice offering involved in this remnant budget— 4 yards Grey Burella Coating, \$12.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$6.00 3 1/2 yards Brown Burella Coating, \$10.50 value. Thursday, piece, \$5.25 4 1/2 yards Dark Rose Velour Coating, \$15.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$6.50 3 yards Green Coating, \$9.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.00 3 1/2 yards Rose Coating, \$10.50 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.75 2 1/2 yards Wool Plush, \$9.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$2.95 6 yards Navy Serge, \$5.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.95 5 yards Navy Serge, \$4.25 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.25 6 yards Navy Granite Cloth, \$6.25 value. Thursday, piece, \$5.00 4 1/2 yards Burgundy Silk Poplin, \$5.90 value. Thursday, piece, \$2.95 5 1/2 yards Navy Serge, \$12.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$8.75 6 yards Navy Serge, \$13.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$9.50 3 yards Plum Santoy, \$6.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$4.95 3 1/2 yards Brown Gabardine, \$11.50 value. Thursday, piece, \$7.90 Black Dress Goods Remnants 2 1/2 yards Black French Serge, \$4.75 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.95 3 1/2 yards Black Diagonal, \$5.50 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.39 5 yards Black Santoy, \$10.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$7.95 3 1/2 yards Black Santoy, \$4.88 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.95 5 yards Black Serge, \$3.75 value. Thursday, piece, \$3.38 4 1/2 yards Black Serge, \$11.88 value. Thursday, piece, \$5.98 4 1/2 yards Black Poplin, \$9.75 value. Thursday, piece, \$7.69 5 yards Black Santoy, \$10.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$7.95 2 1/2 yards Black Satin Cloth, \$8.62 value. Thursday, piece, \$6.69 4 1/2 yards Black Serge, \$11.88 value. Thursday, piece, \$9.95 2 yards Black Broadcloth, \$7.00 value. Thursday, piece, \$4.95 4 1/2 yards French Serge, \$13.12 value. Thursday, piece, \$8.49 Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart, Street Floor

Two Good Offerings in Millinery Lyon's velvet untrimmed hats that were formerly \$5.95 to \$7.50, finest pattern dress shapes in black, blue and brown. Special \$2.95 Black velvet, hatter's plush and velour tailored hats, were formerly \$4.95 to \$8.50. Special \$1.95 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor, Front.

The Biggest Values of the Winter In Women's, Misses' and Children's Garments Hundreds of Coats and Suits Reduced Even if there were not a greater variety of styles in this Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Sale than can be found elsewhere and even if there were not more fabrics represented this would still be the biggest sale of the Winter, for values are the one thing that make a sale—and the values are here. Suits of Fine Quality: Exceptional Values \$25.00 suits in fine quality broadcloth and poplin; in brown, navy and black; made in tailored or semi-tailored styles; large convertible collar of velvet or self material. January Clearance Price, \$18.50 \$27.50 suits in fine quality of black and navy serge; the coat is a plaited model finished with a broad belt; large shawl collar of silk. January Clearance Price, \$20.00 \$39.50 suits in chiffon broadcloth; the coat is made with a full plaited skirt finished with a broad belt and buckles; large convertible collar of black velvet; in navy, plum and black. January Clearance Price, \$27.50 \$45.00 suits in wool velour and chiffon broadcloth in green, navy and taupe, made in a plaited back and full flare skirt finished with a broad belt and large buckles. January Clearance Price, \$30.00 \$55.00 wool velour and chiffon broadcloth suits in taupe, navy and brown; made in bustle or plain tailored models with shawl collar of Hudson seal. January Clearance Price, \$35.00 \$37.50 suits of fine quality Silvertone and Burella cloth made in a plain tailored model and convertible throw collar trimmed with heavy silk fringe. January Clearance Price, \$55.00 \$12.50 Kersey cloth coats in black in a full gathered model with large cape collar and finished with a broad band of plush. January Clearance Price, \$10.00 \$25.00 cheviot coats in brown and navy, made in a full plaited back with broad belt, large envelope pockets. January Clearance Price, \$18.50 \$37.50 coats in wool velour and Burella cloth; lined throughout with a fancy silk lining; large collar of Kerami; in green and brown. January Clearance Price, \$27.50 \$39.50 coats of wool velour and Burella cloth in green, brown and oxford; made with a full back finished with a broad crushed belt; large cape collar of seal plush; lined with black satin. January Clearance Price, \$30.00 \$45.00 coats in silvertone, broadcloth and wool velour, in Burgundy, green, oxford and brown; the style is panelled in back with a full gathered front finished with a broad belt; convertible collar of self material. January Clearance Price, \$37.50 \$39.50 Velour de Nord Coats Reduced to \$30.00 Twenty five of the handsomest Velour du Nord and Salt's Esquimette plush coats that we have had this season go into the January Sale at big savings. The Velour Coats are lined through with fancy peau de Cygne and the Esquimette Coats are lined with solid color and sizes 36 to 46. \$39.50 Velour du Nord Coats, \$30.00 \$37.50 Esquimette Plush Coats, \$30.00 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor