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-- War Doesn't Make Sense. --

Was there ever a war anywhere in which it was not declared at the outset that the quarrel was not with the people of the other country but with its government, rulers or whatnot? This is inconsistent, because it is always the people who are doing the fighting; it is always the people who get killed or who suffer. Moreover, was there ever a war without a slogan? A slogan is a great sales force. Nobody could sell the idea of waging war without an effective slogan.

Thus another thing that irritates me is that there are always renunciation after wars in which former mortal enemies fall all over each other trying to express friendship and the thought that it was all a mistake. Why didn't they think so in the first place?

If there has been anything at all worthy in the waging of warfare it has been the courage, fortitude and steadfastness of the afflicted people and the courage and heroism of the soldiers. But modern mechanized warfare has changed all this, it has eliminated these attributes of an soldier, and has become a mere cog in a destructive machine, merely fighting in hand-to-hand combat, but harming and destruction from a distance, and frequently upon non-combatants. This is a new brand of heroism.

As for the situation today: There are some who maintain that the absence of a formal declaration of war is illegal, but I think otherwise. I think it is the most natural and logical thing in the world, because what is taking place today is certainly not war. War, at least, can be defined, and the definition is generally accepted. When a formal state of war exists at least some semblance of the rules of war is observed.

Peace On Earth, et cetera

We have been happy to note that the Nazis themselves proposed, and carried out, a Christmas truce on bombing.

Now if the people of this earth, all of them, would only be motivated on the other three hundred and sixty-four days of the year, by the same considerations which moved them on this great occasion of good will and cheer, what a great world it would be.

All people are inherently good. They do not wish to do evil. They nurse hatreds through ignorance not malice. They do not really know what they are fighting. Certainly they do not hate the people of the other countries; they hate the governments or ideologies. But what are the governments but the people?

You figure it out. It is too much for us.

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Pages Out of the Past

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Joseph Fleming

This is the second illustrated article on the fire of eighteen ninetysive. The picture shows the lower half of the ruins in this lower area were LeFever's coal and lumber yards and the Sammons Hotel with its barn, wagon sheds etc. and a small office building used by certain contracting carpenters whom we believe to have been Morgan Content and Del Ostrander.

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Sent from opponent: Vendor's Drug Store, (Now Vaughn's) to a little below the Baptist Church (Now Grange Hall) The ruined brick building on the east side of the Lefever store house. The Sammons property occupied the lower part of the area shown. This establishment was one of the best known hotels in Ulster County. It is the subject of article number seventy-four. The series which was accompanied by a fine view of this famous old time hotel. The building on the opposite side of the street are superficially the same today as they were forty years ago, yet they too are remnants of a bygone era. An old board remains today that available in these establishments today. In addition to these there were to be had, patent, songbirds, gramophones, musical instruments, flower seeds etc. Here also was the telegraph office and telephones exchange. We believe Mr. Vonder to have introduced the phonograph, the camera and the automobile to the local public. Two doors below "Vonder's" was the Lewis Bros. Flour mill market with its slaughtering house, cattle pens and meat processing plant in the rear. Cattle and sheep were purchased on the fool and fattened for butchering as needed.

A little further down the street brick building was occupied on the upper floors by tenant families and a lodge room. Graham and Longyear had taken over the Davis and Hoffman business which dealt in stove, ranges, tinware etc. This store occupied half the ground floor the other half being used as a warehouse by Sammons' dynasty.

Halters three lived in the adjoining cottage and the Baptist Church had no active and thriving congregeta which at the period under discussion we believe that there was an over the the extension of the Rev. Mr. Richards who had shortly before succeeded the Rev. Mr. Callender.

Mr. Connaway then rented in the Cornell home on the Macarone home was then called.

Mr. Connaway we believe operated a small stage to and from the railroad station and did a local express business.

As in the companion picture we can glimpse in the foreground portion of the old Black Smoke cement plant and a small section of the canal.

These too are of another day and the there are but few who now remember it is highly gratifying to note the number who evidence interest in these efforts to record half forgotten phases of our local history. This view and its companion picture are published thru the courtesy of Mr. Louis Content.

In the original the points mentioned in some cases are obscured by the smoke. We hope that the reproduction will be of sufficient clarity to illustrate the scene as we have reviewed it.