



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

At last after the space of four years, these greetings can again be sincerely given.

For at this festive season in these passed years of strife, it has been but a farce to give the old Christmas greeting, when around us Peace did not exist on earth, nor was there good will towards men. "A Merry Christmas" sounded but a hollow greeting when the world was writhing in the grip of the bloodiest war of ages. To wish our friends a Happy New Year seemed a mockery when misery and Death were rampant in the land, the future was dark, and no man could foretell the end.

But now the Allies, thanks to magnificent leadership, the devoted bravery of their soldiers and sailors, the perseverance of their rulers, the good will and assistance of their peoples, can again in all sincerity give the old Christmas greeting to a delivered world.

The bells can again ring out, and men can make merry without the thought that on the morrow the struggle for Liberty must be resumed.

Let us then celebrate Christmas and rejoice in our new born freedom; but let it be in a chastened spirit; so when we drink the Silent Toast "To Absent Friends" we may remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice that we might live in liberty, and, on this day of all days, rejoice unthreatened by the menace of the tyrannical Hun.

A PEACE OFFENSIVE. — Now, that Germany realises her wild dream of world conquest is unattainable, she is preparing for a resumption of her pre-war trade conquest; and such is German mentality and self-conceit that she imagines she will be able to resume business as usual. To fight such a resumption, will be the business of the Entente Allies; and