



The Christmas Store for Everybody



BUNGALOW APRONS
The good kind, Gingham or Percales, at before the war price, 79c.

BIB OVERALLS
Boys' 59c and 69c. Men's, Fitz Make, heavy blue bibs on sale at \$1.25.

In the Store of Service!

Whatever you select in this store, whether as Gifts or for personal use, will be found of the splendid quality that gives the utmost service for the money. Here with great stock and best assortment for Men, Women and Children—for the home and for out of doors. You can shop here with confidence in the goods and the prices.

SWEATERS	MUFFLERS	HOSIERY
For Little Tots	Thread Silk	Mercerized Hose 35c and 45c
For Boys and Girls	Fiber Silk	Fiber Silk Hose 59, 75, 95c
For the Women	Mercerized Silk	Pure Silk Hose \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
For the Men	Wool Knit	
	Attractive Vaues	



Style 4617

FUR SETS

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WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS.

Late arrivals of the last minute styles and fabrics in garments such as can be worn now and later for spring, all being sold at prices that means a big saving of dollars to you.

Selling now at \$11.85, \$14.65, \$16.85, \$18.65; sizes run from 16 and up.

COATS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Never before have we shown such a great line of Coats—late arrivals of manufacturers samples enables us to sell Coats at prices below the cost of materials. All kinds of newest materials and styles. On sale now at \$7.85, \$9.85, \$11.85, \$14.65, \$17.45 and up. Save money, buy now

Extra Choice Holiday Apparell!

Our large stock and beautiful assortment of Women's and Misses' apparel meet every possible requirement as Gifts or for personal use. The qualities are all our established high standard, despite difficulties in procuring good merchandise. The prices will be found low for the high character of the goods. Always dependable.



Style 4036

Style 4212

Gifts for Our Soldier Boys

This store is fully prepared to send parcels to cantonments or camps where our soldier boys are in camp. Never was there a better time for an expression of sentiment for home and friend to the boys in camp. Early selection must be made for distant deliveries.

The Leader Mercantile Co.
WE FIT THEM ALL—MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN
DRY GOODS—WOMEN'S READY TO WEAR—CLOTHING—SHOES
ONE PRICE TO EVERYBODY
J. E. NELSON, MANAGER

Where the Holiday Spirit Shines!

The Holiday spirit shines throughout every aisle in our store. In our broad assortments and greater values that can be found—gifts for the home or person—gifts suitable for every taste and every purse. Early shopping is advisable, for stocks are fresh and full, and the last minute rush with its attendant disappointments, is avoided. High quality goods that assure satisfaction.

BATH ROBES	HAND BAGS	CORSETS
Bath Robe Blankets \$3.90, \$4.35, \$6.35	All that's new are being shown. Pocket book style, Carriage style, on sale \$1.90, \$5.85, \$7.45.	The noted R. & G. Corset on sale. Nemo Corsets. None better, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50.

WAISTS

All the Waists now on sale are new and of the later style, sizes 34 to 46, Georgette Crepes, Crepe De Chine, Chiffon, Tafeta, Voiles and Tub Silks. On sale at 87c, 95c, \$1.45, \$1.95, \$2.35, \$2.90, \$3.90, \$5.95.

SKIRTS

In our separate Skirt section, we feature the newest creations for utility and dress wear. Pretty flared modes, full pleated styles and large pockets, belt and button trimmed, all sizes for women and misses and extra sizes for large women. On sale \$3.35, \$4.90, \$5.85, \$6.35, \$7.45 and up.

MILLINERY

Closing out all the late arrivals of pattern hats—you women now can buy two hats for the price of one, in other words a pattern hat that sold for \$7.50 now on sale \$2.75. All the best pattern hats go at half price. Pattern Hat Sale, two hats for the price of one.



Style 4000

BOYS' SUITS	CLOVES	NECK WEAR	SHIPPERS	UNDERWEAR	RIBBONS	BLANKETS	MACKINAW
Ages 2 1/2 to 8 years on sale. \$3.90, \$4.35, \$4.90. Ages 8 to 16 years on sale. \$4.35, \$5.85, \$6.35.	Chamois Goves 45, 65, 75, 95, \$1.25. Kid Goves \$1.45, \$1.95, \$2.45. All kinds and colors	For Women, in all the new creations, 35, 45, 95, \$1.45. Neckwear for Men 59, 75, \$1, \$1.50	Felt or Leather Child's Felt, sizes 3 to 5, sale 65c. Sizes 5 1/2 to 8, sale 75c. Sizes 8 1/2 to 2, sale 95c.	Boys' Union Suits For boys of 6 to 16 years of age, all sizes, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c.	On Special Sale Lot 1—17c per yard worth up to 35c. Lot 2—29c per yard worth up to 50c.	Last January's purchase enables us to sell blankets at old prices. Cotton Blankets 95c to \$3.35. Wool Blankets \$4.90 and upwards.	For Boys, size 5 to 10 years, \$2.90, \$3.35, \$3.90, \$4.35. Boys' 9 to 18 years, on sale at \$3.90, \$4.35, \$4.90, \$5.85.

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IRA L. BARE, Editor and Publisher

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1917.

Big Day For Red Cross.

Wednesday, Mr. L. W. Trester, Ass't. Director for the state was here and held two very interesting meetings. In the afternoon, Mr. Trester addressed the officers and workers of the local chapter and representatives of the branch chapters in the Federal Court room. He gave instructions in the work and showed how necessary the work of the women of the country is. We have not furnished half enough of supplies such as knitted goods and surgical dressings as are needed. He wants us to speed up. The demand has not commenced. We have not a soldier in the trenches, that is generally speaking, and still we cannot keep up with the demand.

The Red Cross made a large shipment of supplies including knit goods and surgical dressings yesterday.

Huge Christmas Cake.

New York, Dec. 6.—A Christmas fruit cake four feet in diameter, one foot high and weighing 360 pounds, was completed in the kitchen of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here today and will be sent to France as part of the dessert for the Christmas dinner to be served by the Young Men's Christian Association to American soldiers and sailors in and about Paris. It is surmounted with a gilded statue of liberty which holds 100 tri-colored ribbons attached to tri-colored silk candy bags. The cake is the gift of a wealthy guest of the hotel. It is big enough to serve 2400 men. An escort will be provided to see the confection safely in France.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE RAILROADS DURING WAR

Washington.—Government operation of the railroads for the duration of the war, if unification of the transportation systems is not permitted by congress, was recommended by the Interstate Commerce commission.

An increase in rates, a government loan of money and the suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws as far as railroads are concerned for the duration of the war were recommended by the commission as an alternative.

The alternative for such voluntary unification of the railroads, the commission declared, would be government operation with suitable guaranty of an adequate annual return, as well as for upkeep with fair terms, on which improvements during the period of government operation could be paid for by the roads upon return of their property.

The recommendations, signed by Chairman Hall, were accompanied by a supplementary report by Commissioner McChord, who said he believed that if the president would take over operation of the railroads, "vastly improved transportation conditions can be promptly secured."

Wall street's view of the recommendation of the Interstate Commerce commission in respect to the operation of railroads was that of approval insofar as a sentiment can be gauged by the movement of stocks. Rails rose from 1 to 3 points and industrials followed suit.

C. F. Spencer, room 6, Reynolds building, real estate, farm loans, and all kinds of insurance and bonds. Agent for the old line Bankers' Automobile Insurance Co., of Lincoln, Neb. They insure you against loss by fire, theft, tornado, liability and property damage and collision. In fact a complete coverage. A special policy for farmers. See me for rates. Phones office Black 394, residence Black 580.

Immediate War on Austria.

Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to congress Monday by President Wilson.

The president did not, however, recommend a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.

Immediate war against Austria, the president told congress, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany, even though Austria was not her own mistress and merely a vassal of Germany.

The same logic, he said, would lead to war against Turkey and against Bulgaria, but they do not yet, he said, stand in the path of the United States in its war against Prussian autocracy.

A joint resolution declaring war on Austria has already been introduced.

Every pattern or street hat to be closed out at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s in two lots, \$2.50 and \$5.00; your pick of hats worth up to \$18.50 on sale at \$5.00.

An Heirloom.

A prerevolutionary mansion is to be preserved in Albany as a historic shrine, says the Brooklyn Standard-Union. This was the home of Gen. Philip Schuyler, who was in command of the continental troops in the victory of Saratoga in 1777. The house had been erected 15 years before and stood in the open country within what are now the city limits. The estate, with its ample grounds and negro slave quarters, was known as "The Pasture." After their surrender at Saratoga General Burgoyne and other British officers were held as war prisoners at his home by General Schuyler. Washington, Franklin and Lafayette were entertained there, and in the main parlor General Schuyler's daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Alexander Hamilton, whom she long survived after the fatal bullet fired by Aaron Burr at Weehawken ended the life of Washington's secretary of the treasury.

110 PERISH WHEN U-BOAT SINKS STEAMER.

The British steamer Apapa, accord-torpedoed and sunk, according to the London morning papers. Eighty passengers and the crew of the vessel perished. About 120 passengers were saved.

It is reported that the submarine fired on women and children in open boats.

The British steamer Ppapa, according to the Daily Mail, was nearing home after a two months' voyage when she was torpedoed without warning. The lifeboats were manned immediately and all would have been rescued, but the submarine fired a second torpedo while the women and children were being lowered to the boats, causing the ship to sink immediately with 80 passengers and the crew.

An electric cleaner would make a useful Christmas gift. I have the Reliable for sale and rent. Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, phone Red 104. 94-2

KORNILOFF IS A BRAINY MAN

Noted Russian General Has at His Finger-Ends the Literature of Fully Fifteen Countries.

Whatever may be said or thought of Korniloff, there can be no doubt that he is brilliantly clever, says a correspondent. He might be termed a "self-made man." At the age of thirteen he was tending sheep on the Steppes; today, at forty-seven, he has at his finger-ends the literature of 15 countries and all manner of military lore.

At one period of his meteoric career he combined the two ill-matched pursuits of science and spying. Though he can converse in 15 languages, Korniloff is a great believer in the maxim that "silence is golden." On one occasion he said: "I am a fighting general, accustomed to act and not to talk. In Petrograd most of the time is spent in talking."

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