

went down to the Red Cross supper in the Town Hall & was to have called for Aunt Alice at six o'clock but I was late so she had gone so I went alone but had my tea with Dick & Dess. There were some dandy cakes there but as usual in such cases my stomach became incapacitated long before my appetite was satiated. I went home with Mary & Essie and later we went to the picture show, we had to use brute force to get Essie past the Methodist Church as there was a prayer meeting going on and she was supposed to be here to play and we literally dragged her away from it. It's a woe prayer meeting and as still as the Germans are praying as hard as we are and I suppose there are lots of them just as good in our right as here as of us so in all probability God will wind it up in his own way in spite of all of us. I really think about like Aunt Alice that praying and fighting don't go very well together that if we trust so much in our own strength we ought not to expect much help from Heaven or if we do want divine help we should throw down our arms and pray for it, but of course that is out of the question as we are too human for that. I got a ride home with Dick & Ellen

I don't know what has struck me to night to write so much diary but it is half past twelve now so I am going to bed. Dad. has just been out for a while to smoke he got so hot in bed he couldn't go to sleep. This is really the most remarkable weather for January I ever heard of. It has rained a good part of the day and to night was too mild to wear an overcoat. It is hard to believe that it is mid winter.

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Dad. and I put off the load of corn which was on the waggon this morning. and also nailed on the boards which block up the space over the ^{south} doors of the old barn. We didn't do much this afternoon but chores. we took the nests out of the rooster's pen and put them up in the pullets end of the scratching shed, the pile of straw we put in there has kept them busy most of the day, we also swept out the brooder and put it in the Colony house. To night Dad & Frank have gone down town Dick expects Jerry to night for a few days and as the roads are too bad to drive down Dad. took the Caution and is going to wait at Auntie's for them, they have to call on Dess & maybe take in the show before they come over. Colder today freezing to night.