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Christmas Comes Even In British Trenches

And Every Tommy Is Remembered By Kris Kringle Today

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS With the British Army in the field Dec. 23.—For the third time Christmas is about to arrive at Armageddon.

Farmers Lose To Grain Trust

Buenos Aires, Nov 26—(By Mail) "Wake up Argentine, and build grain elevators," urged Gert T. Holm, a Swedish-Argentine and the foremost cereal expert in the republic, in an appeal today to the country's farmers.

Holm estimates that these farmers lose \$200,000,000 annually to the grain trust through lack of storage facilities, which compels them to market their products in a hurry and on whatever terms the trust dictates.

Is Assailed As Unpatriotic

London, Dec. 23.—Because he urged England to be charitable toward Germany, the Rev. Edward Littleton, head master of Eton College, has resigned and will step into private life Monday.

Mr Isam Simpson

The funeral of Mr. Isam Simpson was conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 1:30 by Rev. I. N. Loftin. Interment followed at Olivet Baptist Church.

MARRIED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Carr Clifton Cone of Richmond and Miss Adelle Mattie Crocker of Hampton were married Friday afternoon at the office of Register of Deeds J. W. Munden.

Representative-elect I. P. Davis, of Dare County, left today on the Trenton to spend the holidays with his parents at Wanchess.

Says Church Will help Needy

Rev. I. N. Loftin, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Church, stated to a representative of this newspaper yesterday, "I want the public to know that I and my church stand ready, not only at the Christmas season, but at all times of the year to help the needy.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF KIDDIES BANNED

LEST SPIES SEEK THIS MEANS OF TRANSMITTING INFORMATION TO AGENTS IN AMERICA

London, Dec. 23.—For fear spies might seek to transmit information to Teutonic agents in this country via pictures, the British censorship decline to permit the mailing of any photographs to America this Christmas.

Frisco Has Big Pageant

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—San Francisco will officially celebrate Christmas with a pageant, which will outrival anything that has ever been attempted here during the Yuletide.

PEACE PLEA IS BROUGHT WILSON

SMUGGLED IN FROM BRITISH PACIFICISTS BY WAY OF NEW YORK

Washington, Dec. 23.—A committee from New York arrived here today bringing a peace plea smuggled in from Bertrand Russell and other British pacifists in London.

WANTED—Men who desire to earn over \$125.00 per month write us today for position as salesman; every opportunity for advancement. CENTRAL PETROLEUM CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS IN SONG AND SERMON WILL MARK THE SABBATH'S WORSHIP

Christmas service will be held at the churches of the city Sunday as follows:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH At eleven o'clock Dr. B. C. Henning will preach a sermon appropriate to Christmas, the subject being, "The Childhood of Jesus".

Following is the program: Organ Prelude Praise the Great Redeemer—Chorus by Choir.

It Speaks to the World—Soprano Solo and Chorus. God Hath Given a Son—Bass Solo.

While Shepherds Watched—Solo for Choir and Women Chorus. Holy Night—Echo Choir. Star of Bethlehem—Trio.

Holy Night—Echo Choir. Born in a Manger—Soprano Solo and Chorus.

The Light of Glory—Tenor Solo and Choir. The Message—Duet for Tenor and Baritone.

The Light of All the World—Chorus by Choir. Lead Me—Final Chorus.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH The pastor Rev. I. N. Loftin will preach Sunday morning on the subject "The Doing Christianity".

On Sunday evening Mr. Loftin's subject will be "Jesus and the Explanation of Him".

Following is the program for the morning service at eleven o'clock. Organ Prelude—Selected. Christmas anthem, The Angels Song—Wolcott.

Prayer. Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Scripture Reading. Anthem, Send out the light—Gounod.

Prayer. Announcements. Offering. Solo by Miss Rose Goodwin. Christmas Aria—Shelly.

Sermon Rev. I. N. Loftin. Hymn, Joy to the World. Benediction. Postlude—Selected.

At the evening service at 7:30 the program will be as follows. Organ prelude—selected. Christmas anthem, Arise and Shine—Adams.

Prayer. Reading Scripture. Anthem, There were Shepherds—Vincent.

Announcements. Offering. Quartet, Blessed Holy Night—Oppenbach.

Sermon, Rev. I. N. Loftin. Hymn. Benediction. Prelude—Selected.

CITY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH The Pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock service. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 with Mr. C. R. Pugh as Superintendent.

The Epworth League will meet at 6:30. Following is the program of special music at City Road Methodist church for Sunday evening at 7:30.

Chorus—And the Glory of the Lord—Glebel. Chorus—Holy Night Divine—Adams.

Solo—And there were Shepherds—Adams. Chorus—Blessed Holy Night—J. Offenbach.

Denver Has First Tree

Denver, Colo., Dec. 23.—Fifteen thousand people are expected to pack the city auditorium tomorrow night to celebrate Denver's first community Christmas.

The program will consist of musical and literary entertainment and the distribution of gifts to about 10,000 children from an immense Christmas tree placed upon the stage of the auditorium.

ATLANTIC FLEET WILL CELEBRATE

WHILE SOME OF THE SAILOR BOYS HAVE SHORE LEAVE AND CHRISTMAS DINNER AT HOME

London, Dec. 23.—Thousands of Uncle Sam's sailor boys will go ashore on leave for Christmas dinner at home. The fleet will remain here until January 10.

Trio and Chorus—The Herald Angels—Lorenz. Atto Solo—U. G. Davis. Solo—Trust in Him—Petrie. Solo and Chorus—The Birthplace of the King—Hall. Chorus—Alleluia—Wilson.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Rev. G. T. Adams, presiding Elder of the Elizabeth City district, will preach at the First Methodist Church.

The Choir of the First Methodist Church will give a Christmas cantata next Sunday evening at 7:30. The title of the cantata is "Savior and King".

The several numbers are: Great is Jehovah. The Shepherds and the Angels. The Outcast. Bonds of Love. To Jerusalem We Come. Thou art all to me. In the letter days. The Song of thy Grace. Worthy is the Lamb.

CANN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Black will occupy his pulpit at both services Sunday. Christmas music will be rendered.

The White Gift Christmas service of this church will be observed Wednesday night.

CHRIST CHURCH

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Lesson, Luke 2, 1-20. Who was the emperor when Jesus was born? Why were Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem at this time? How far did they travel? What prophet had said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? What did the angel say to the shepherds? Who sang the first Christmas carol, and what was it? What is it called? What did the shepherds say when the angels left them? What did they find? What was the baby's name, and what does it mean? Who kept all these things for us? Golden Text verses 10-12.

United States May Enter An Entangling Alliance

If Negotiations Get Down To Enforcement Peace Guarantee

ARABIA NOT A TRANSPORT

State Department Awaits Further Reports Before Deciding On Submarine Question

Washington, Dec. 23.—The United States may have to enter into what has previously been regarded as an entangling alliance if the present peace negotiations get down to the point of international enforcement of peace guarantees, the State Department admitted today.

Secretary Lansing held that this was a somewhat premature discussion of such problems but indicated that this government had considered the possible necessity for alliance if any peace agreement was to bind.

The Department manifestly regretted the Allies interpretation of Wilson, himself, in saying that he said that both sides were fighting for the same thing, and pointed out that he had specifically said that both sides had named the things for which they were fighting and that their statement of purpose were agreed.

In the matter of a possible alliance the Department held that the United States would naturally link herself with Pan-American nations, at the same time probably joining with certain European nations in an agreement which this country might previously considered entangling.

ARABIA NOT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Contradicting Germany's contention that the steamer Arabia, was a British Transport, Britain today informed the State Department that Arabia was not in the government service when submarined nor ever had been.

Britain did say, however, that the Arabia carried some government passengers booked as ordinary passengers at the expense of the government. The note said that there no Asiatic workmen or soldiers aboard.

Germany had admitted sinking the ship, claiming that there were Asiatic workmen and soldiers aboard and that the submarine commander believed it to be a transport.

Secretary Lansing is undecided whether to transmit this information to Germany or await further British reports on the number of British passengers aboard.

The State Department awaits his course before deciding on its course toward Germany's pending submarine matters.

COTTON REPORT

There were 5,548 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County, from the crop of 1916 prior to Dec. 13, 1916, as compared with 3,528 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1915.

There were 3,659 bales of cotton ginned in Camden County from the crop of 1916 prior to Dec. 13, 1916, as compared with 2,539 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1915.

WILL WELCOME INVESTIGATION

IN REGARD TO PROFIT BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHEN WALL STREET GOT EXCITED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Administration men stated today that they would welcome investigation by which Representative Wood proposes to ascertain whether any high officials or their relatives profited by the Wall street upset which followed upon Secretary Lansing's statement, Thursday.

A BIT OF HOLIDAY

In order that The Advance force may have a bit of holiday the next issue of this paper will not reach its readers until the afternoon of Wednesday, December 27th.

With the rush of Christmas business those who have been laboring to make the Advance possible have earned a liberal reward, whether this materializes just yet or not. If the paper went to press again on the day after Christmas, some of these would have to begin work on Christmas Day, and in order that there might be at least one real holiday in all the year, the editor of The Advance has decided upon this arrangement.

On Wednesday afternoon The Advance hopes to get you, after this bit of holiday, with renewed vigor and added zest, bringing you the news of the intervening days together with bright hopes and best wishes for a mutually happy and helpful New Year.

And now upon the close of this week and upon the eve of Christmas itself, we wish you, one and all, a Merry Christmas, with sorrow banished and with high hopes uppermost in your hearts.

EVERETT-LEE

Moyock, Dec. 22.—A very pretty wedding was the principal feature of interest in this community last night when Miss Nannie Lee became the bride of Mr. Jesse Frank Everett.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan D. Lee, and was witnessed by only the families closest friends. Mr. M. C. Sanderson acted as best man and Miss Chloa Flora was maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Heater.