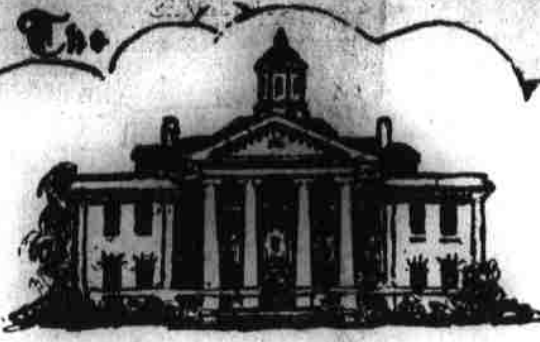


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Holiday Greetings

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Christmas

Humanity's hope and civilization's cry for a brave, new world is perennially strengthened by the light that shines from the eyes of children as they stand in the presence of their Christmas idol — Santa Claus.

The wonder of these faces unfolds mankind's greatest lessons.

For here is faith resplendent in its simplicity.

Here is unselfishness, unadorned.

Here is devotion, unalterable.

Here is goodness, in its glory.

The magic of this light shines outward from the world of childhood onto the pathways of our adult world — pathways sometimes darkened.

This light can pierce that darkness.



And again this year, these eyes will shine, these faces glow.

Let these rays be cast on us and warm us. Warm our hearts. Kindle the spark. Light the way.

For great things are all cradled in the land of simplicity and faith — the land of a childish face.

And peace in the world is the great thing in our hearts this Christmas.

And lasting peace must spring from those basic truths that generate this light that shines in the eyes of children.

That those who lead the world out of a period of darkness will gaze this Yuletide into the faces of hale children — and gazing catch the spark — is the Christmas wish and message of this

