

# Swiss Lead World In Field Of Electrification Now

BERNE, Switz.—The Swiss have shown their enterprise by electrifying their railways during a time when most European countries are still experimenting with this system or are introducing it piecemeal. The advantages of electric traction are indisputable. Everything is clean and smooth-running, and one can look out of the open window at the scenery without being bothered by smoke or grill.

More than 70 per cent of the railways are already electrified. But this means much more in reality, for the sections which still remain to be electrified are comparatively little used. So that it is computed that at least 90 per cent of traffic in Switzerland passes over electrified railroads.

**Water Accumulates In Lake**

Although the World War cut Switzerland off from the world and more than doubled the actual cost of the electrification, the whole line from Basel to Chiasso, near Como, Italy, was operated electricity from Swiss water power by 1924.

The line is operated by two large power stations complementary to each other, one of which is used in the summer and the other in the winter.

The 130 mile long Simplon line is provided with power in the same way. Two power stations share the work, water being allowed to accumulate in a special mountain lake for six months, during which the high seasonal waterflow of the Eau Noire is harnessed to provide the power. In the months of slack water on the river the accumulation in the lake is converted into power.

**Larger Load Capacity**

The four power stations of the Simplon and St. Gotthard lines are connected by a transmission line which runs across the whole of central Switzerland.

Electrification has meant increased speed, increased carrying capacity and increased comfort. Electric locomotives of 108 tons each can haul 300 ton trains over the 137 miles from Lucerne to Chiasso, on the St. Gotthard line three times in 24 hours.

Two giant locomotives, each 111 feet in length, have been in service on the line since 1932. They can haul trains of 750 tons up the steep gradients of the mountain line at a speed of 30 miles an hour. With 600 ton trains they can increase the pace to 40 miles an hour.

## Pope Urges Peace In Annual Message

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our paternal heart, caused by the many great evils which, these days, have fallen like a scourge on humanity, civil society and the church."

Of his own suffering, the pontiff, ill for more than two weeks of slight paralysis and circulatory congestion, told his millions of listeners:

"x x x the divine goodness is granting us an opportunity to contribute to the prayers, the work and the sacrifices of all by the personal experience of suffering, and until now has marvelously spared us."

"And for which the same divine God is most readily and generously recompensing us with a wondrous and touching union of prayers, which lately, from every part of the church are incessantly being offered up for the well being of the common Father."

A semblance of his customary clarity and robust tonal quality came to his voice when he expressed his gratitude for the consolation offered in his illness by the prayers of the devout.

His voice likewise strengthened when he began to speak of the bloody conflict in Spain.

But it faltered pitifully when he came to deal with the suffering the war has caused.

Many feared it might be the last Christmas message of Pius XI.

## Christ's Disciples Worship At Shrine

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by members of the various religious orders.

Here there were Bethlehem women in high, medieval headdresses, the ever-present British soldiers, scottish men at arms in kilts, school children, bedouins, negroes from the Sudan, silent Arabs in red turbans, and a sprinkling of pilgrims from Europe and America.

Protestant groups were busy with preparations for their traditional services in Shepherds' Field, to begin just as night closes in over the rocky fields around the town.

## Christmas Pageant At Lutheran Church

The young people of the Lutheran church will give a Christmas pageant this evening at 11 o'clock, which will consist of the dramatization of the Christmas story and the singing of favorite Christmas carols. After the pageant refreshments will be served to the participants and then they will go carolling to the homes of the aged and shut-ins.

The public is invited to attend the pageant.

## A Real Santa Claus



Almost on the eve of Christmas, Baron Nuffield (above), the wealthy British automobile manufacturer, played the role of Santa Claus in a most effective way by donating \$10,000,000 to stimulate employment in Great Britain's poverty-stricken areas. (Associated Press Photo)

## MRS. HARRY HEARS OF FATHER'S DEATH

### Minette Mill Employees Banqueted; Other News

(Special to The Star.)

GROVER, Dec. 24.—Mrs. B. A. Harry received a message Thursday of the death of her father, Perry Howard of Vanira near Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Harry, their son, Donald and small daughter, Annette, went to Vanira immediately and all returned Sunday except Donald who will remain with relatives for a week.

Misses Mammie and Edith Hambricht went to Tampa, Florida last week. They expect to spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Byers of Avondale spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Byers. Little Sandra Faye Byers, who had been visiting her grandparents for a week returned home with her parents Sunday evening.

Mrs. M. J. Allen returned from Charlotte during the week-end from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown and two daughters, Jean and Doris of Waco visited Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Beam Sunday.

Miss Mary Hughes, Miss Mary Jane Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benson, all of Charlotte, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harry Sunday.

**Minette Mill Banquet**

The employees of the Minette Mills were given a banquet Saturday evening in the basement of the Presbyterian church by C. F. Harry, Sr., founder of the mills. Covers were laid for 150 by the Woman's Auxiliary. A complete turkey dinner followed by an ice and sweet course was served. Splendid and appropriate gifts were presented by the employees to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harry, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harry, Jr., W. E. Davis and B. M. Gold.

A Christmas pageant, directed by Miss Inez Davis was given at the Shiloh Presbyterian church Sunday evening. Misses Anne Gray and Lucille Clark were the readers. Carols were sung by the choir. Dr. J. T. Dendy made a talk and an offering was made for ministerial relief and Christian education.

A large audience enjoyed the act Christmas play "Pieces of Paper" presented by Grover high school students Tuesday night, under the direction of Miss Anne Gray. The principal roles were played by Elizabeth Bird and Jack Clark. Other characters were: Alweda Rollins, Sara Harry, Myrtle Baumgardner, Robert Hughes, Bill Little, J. B. Ellis, Jr. Albert Crisp and Jesse Frank Harry.

The Girls' Glee Club sang three Christmas numbers accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Dendy. Preceding the two Christmas stories were retold beautifully by Goldie Dixon and Elizabeth Bird.

Wednesday evening at the Baptist church a Christmas program consisting of Christmas carols by the choir, special numbers by several children, a talk by the pastor, Rev. Rush Fadgett, followed by a Christmas tree and treat for members of the Sunday School through the second year intermediates was arranged and directed by the committee: Miss Meldona Livingstone, Mrs. A. F. Collins, Mrs. Alvah Bridges and Manly Fulton.

Miss Vernery Ross of Hildebrand visited her sister, Mrs. J. P. Cook and Mr. Cook from Friday until Tuesday.

The island of Singapore was ceded to the East India company in 1819 by the Sultan of Johore.

# Today's Markets

New York cotton at 2:30 today: Jan. 12-38, Mar. 12-38, May 12-29, July 12-21, Oct. 11-85, Dec. 11-87.

## FUTURES STEADY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened very steady, 7 to 13 higher on active overnight trade and foreign buying.

## STOCKS GAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Gains of fractions to a point or so predominated in today's early stock market dealings, but many small declines were in evidence.

On the upside at an active opening were American Telephone, Chrysler, Santa Fe, General Electric, N. Y. Central, Kelsey-Hayes Wheel, Standard Oil of N. J., Westinghouse, Briggs Mfg., Paramount and Southern Pacific. Down a trifle were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Loew's and General Motors.

## GRAIN HIGHER

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Wheat prices here shot upward two cents a bushel early today. Opening 6-9 to 1-8 higher. Corn started at 1-2-7-8 gain, and for the time being altered little.

## NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton was higher at the start of trading today, influenced by a good volume of business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs 17,000, including 9,000 direct; top 10.45.

# Summary Of The Market

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dow-Jones market summary for today is as follows:

Paris: Chamber of Deputies passed bill granting full power to cabinet to settle all labor disputes for period of six months.

Moving picture box office receipts and consequently film company profits have been holding up much better than expected during pre-holiday week.

Best Christmas business since 1930 is expected by principal department stores in leading centers of U. S., said Secretary Commerce Roper.

Federal district court in Los Angeles confirms Richfield Oil Co. California reorganization plan.

Stay-in strikers at Kelsey-Hayes plant in Detroit voted 3 to 1 yesterday to accept the terms agreed upon by company officials and union leaders, by which they would go back to work with pay increases.

Socony Vacuum will advance tank car gasoline 1-4c Monday, in eastern U. S.

Increases in trans-continental freight rates which in effect will virtually offset loss of emergency charges on that traffic authorized by ICC, new rates effective today, the increases received ICC sanction, when the commission refused to suspend tariffs proposing the changes.

Havana: Vice president Bru, soldier, politician and former revolutionist, became Cuba's 14th president today.

New York, Chicago and St. Louis 11 months ended Nov. 30, \$2.01 a common share vs. \$1.93 a preferred share in 1935.

London stock market generally steady, trans-Atlantic heavy, Paris irregular.

Combined operating revenues of first 12 roads to report for Nov. 21.8 percent above like 1935 month against increase 16.7 percent over 1935 for same group in Oct., combined net operating income 28.8 percent greater than in Nov. vs. 18.1 percent gain by same group in Oct.

American Stores Co. 4 weeks ended Nov. 28 sales \$8,728,841 vs. \$8,899,733 in Nov. 1935 decrease 1.5 percent.

## COTTON LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Action yesterday was impressive, despite a substantial amount of selling during the early part of the session the close was at highs of the day. Late buying was largely of a trade nature but there was also some new speculative purchases evidently caused by the statement regarding the possibility of a trade agreement with Germany which would likely react favorably on our cotton export situation. Judging by the present trade reports the situation continues promising.

## NO MESSAGE

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—No radio station in Germany re-broadcast Pope Pius' Christmas message today.



# One Of Wright Brothers Makes 1,500,000 Toy Airplanes A Year

DAYTON, O., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Perpetuating a name indelibly linked with the air, Lorin Wright manufactures 1,500,000 toy airplanes a year and was revealed today as one who aided his famous brothers in selection of Kitty Hawk, N. C., as the site for their historic first flight in a heavier-than-air craft.

Now 74 years old, Wright is president of his own firm.

Association with Orville and Wilbur Wright had nothing to do with his own decision to produce flying models, he said, explaining:

"I was an outsider. About eight years ago a young man came in and wanted us to make him some toy planes. Since then, our business has been primarily that."

Marking back to his visit to Kitty Hawk in 1902—more than a year before the eventful Dec. 17 on which Orville and Wilbur first rose from their sandy dunes—Wright said "I knew they had something, even then."

At that time, the two younger Wrights were "tinkering" with their invention in their Dayton bicycle shop.

Selection of Kitty Hawk was recommended by the weather bureau on the basis of prevailing winds, Wright recalled, but added that the suggestion agreed with his own estimate.

He made numerous flights during the early days of aviation, but has not been in the air for years, he said.

## Spain's Xmas Gifts Are Blood, Misery

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only wrecked buildings in beautiful Madrid's squares.

Peace on earth was not for Madrilenos. Their war leaders issued Dec. 24 commands for the troops on the front to fight off any Christian sentimentalism which might cause them to relax efforts to kill off their countrymen insisting on a different form of government.

The government's day before Christmas proclamation was that its men launched a counter-attack and advanced six miles in the Boadilla sector, carrying off a number of rifles, machine guns, and ammunition as their prizes.

The streets and boulevards of Madrid, once thronged at this time of year with gay crowds of Christmas shoppers, today were traversed by listless people looking at the wreckage of familiar buildings.

## Douglas Carpenter Weds At A Bargain In South Carolina

Douglas Carpenter, prominent farmer of route one Belwood writes The Star from York, S. C., under date of Dec. 23rd as follows:

"I got married in South Carolina to Mrs. Texie Boyles of route No. 1, Belwood, North Carolina. It does not cost much to get married down in South Carolina. It is very cheap. I think it is mighty well worth it. I believe the North Carolina legislature passed a law a few years ago to keep North Carolinians from going to South Carolina to get married, and if they do so they are required to advertise it and also pay a fine or penalty or tax. Now if this is correct, please tell Andy Newton to charge it."

Wishing you a merry Christmas, Mr. Editor, and everybody else!"

## Order Coffins

PEIPING, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Municipal authorities received today a consignment of 2,000 coffins, constructed for uncurable narcotic addicts who will be killed after New Year's.

# Christmas Prophecy

LONG, long ago the Magi came with trophies To pay their homage to an infant King. The vanished years saw shepherds in Judea Find magic light, and pause, remembering That there would be a sign that early morning When One would come with balm for weary scars, A donor of new hope, gay love, warm shelter. Who came to earth attuned to Christmas stars.

THE prophecy of peace has never vanished; It sings its way through blarney of martial drums. Good will to men is more than myth or fancy; There are so many kindly ways it comes! Where stockings hang, gift-filled, and dreams are mended, Where fires, long dull, glow high and true again, Because we shared, an echo finds fulfillment: "Peace on earth, good will once more to men!"



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# HOSPITAL GIVES PATIENTS LIST

## Twin Girls Born To Anthony Family Of Grover

Thirty-three patients will spend Christmas in the local hospital, according to a list released this morning. The condition of R. A. Newton of Belwood was still grave today.

Twin girls of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Anthony of Grover were taking the attention of relatives and visitors. Here is the complete list:

Mrs. A. A. Anthony and twin girls, Grover; Mrs. Dan Bess and baby son, Shelby route one; Mrs. Chas. A. Burrus, Shelby; W. R. Casstevens, Shelby; Mrs. Roy Chapman, Lawndale; baby, Arthur Lee Davis, Shelby; R. G. Freeman; Mrs. Lee Mayhew, Shelby route two; Mrs. John Murray, Shelby route five; Mrs. Claude McKnight, Shelby; Tom McGowan, Shelby; R. A. Newton, Belwood route one; Rev. D. F. Putnam, Shelby; Mrs. R. N. Woolen and baby son, Fallston; Leroy Wease, Shelby; Mrs. Roy Wilkie, Cass; Dr. H. D. Wilson, Shelby; John K. Wells, Shelby.

Hugh Lee Warlick, Lawndale; J. Crawford Whisman, Shelby; Paris Whiteside, Lattimore; Mrs. Paul L. Whiteside, Kings Mountain; Miss Mae Short, Shelby; Mrs. Martha J. Short, Shelby.

James Surratt, col., Mattie Pounds, col., Lucy Levatt, col., Beatrice Armstrong, col.

## Sale Of Auto Tags Is Higher Than 1935

RALEIGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Sales of new automobile license plates through yesterday aggregated 79,521 pairs, compared with 48,834 through the similar period a year ago. The new yellow and gold tags must be used after January 1.

## Comes To Erskine

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Dr. John L. Hunter, executive secretary of the Arkansas Y. M. C. A. committee for 20 years, announced his resignation today to accept the post of field secretary for Erskine college, his alma mater.

A native of Charlotte, N. C. he has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work since 1900, at Asheville, N. C., Waco, Tex., and Little Rock.

## Order Four Planes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The navy department today ordered four airplanes of the fleet marine force at San Diego, Calif., to fly to Milford, Utah, to assist in the search for the Western Air Express transport plane missing with seven persons since December 15.

## Sell Oil Property

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Argentine subsidiary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the largest foreign oil company operating in Argentina, announced today it was negotiating for sale of its Argentine properties to the government.

## Christmas Color

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A streamlined resettlement administration report, gay in a jacket of red, green and brown and detailing the activities of the agency, headed by Rexford G. Tugwell, during its first year added a touch of Christmas color today to President Roosevelt's desk.

## 1100 Get Bonus

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Eleven hundred Western United Gas and Electric company employees will receive a Christmas bonus of 2 1-2 percent of annual earnings and a wage increase of 2 1-2 percent effective January 1, the company announced today.

# Disappoint The Farmers Is One Of Wallace's Jobs

## Bright Flowers Bringing Cheer To Many Homes

Bright flowers, for the most part poinsettias or Christmas begonias, will have a large part in making homes cheerier this Christmas than ever before.

U. L. Patterson, local wholesale florist and Cecil Gilliat, retail merchant, have enjoyed one of the busiest seasons in years.

Mr. Patterson grew 35,000 potted plants this year, of which 10,000 were poinsettias, which were sold mostly over North and South Carolina. Three weeks ago he stopped taking orders for the flowers. They were all gone.

Characterized by the brilliant red and green combination the poinsettia is the ideal Christmas plant. It remains in bloom about five or six weeks. It takes nearly a year to grow it. It was named from the late Joe R. Poinsett, South Carolina botanist, (1799-1851) and is thought to have originated in Mexico.

Other leading flowers are cyclamen, peppers and primroses.

## Gomez Is Ousted As Cuban President

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to arrogate civil authority to themselves.

His accusations reflected the issue on which his defense staked vindication: That a verdict against the executive would throw Cuba into a military dictatorship.

He was impeached in the house of representatives and brought to trial before the senate after he had opposed a nine-cents-a-bag sugar tax bill to finance an army-sponsored program of rural education.

His opposition brought into the open his smouldering fight with Col. Fulgencio Batista, "strong man" head of the army, who has been the power behind Cuba's government since 1933.

**Denounces Army**

In his statement, Gomez attributed his downfall to the long under-surface battle between him and the military.

Within reasonable limits, he maintained, he sought to cooperate with the army "but they wanted more—to rival the executive power and command the palace from Camp Columbia (army headquarters)."

To usurp power, he charged, the army juggled the national budget, "all this resulting from a growing preponderance of armed institutions."

"All members of the Gomez cabinet, in accordance with custom, immediately tendered their resignations."

Gomez sent the treasury a check remitting the unspent balance of his personal expense account and announced he would issue his farewell message "tonight in my home as a private citizen."

## Recover Valuables

FAYETTEVILLE, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Officers recovered almost all of \$1,500 in valuables taken from Mrs. Bessie McPhaul here Tuesday night. They returned \$11,000 in postal savings certificates, \$65 cash, a watch, two diamonds, and a wedding ring, leaving only two diamonds a watch and \$19 missing.

By PRESTON GROVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—One of Secretary Wallace's jobs is to prepare farmers for a little disappointment now and then. He has been doing that recently.

Speaking before the American farm bureau federation at Pasadena, Calif., Wallace again reminded these farmers that they probably could not have AAA, even though at a meeting in Washington they said they wanted it even more than the crop insurance program he is trying to sell them.

At the Pasadena meeting he told the farmers that agriculture was no longer a forgotten industry. That was sugar coating. The core of the pill was his reminder that after all the farmers are only about one third of the population and that since 1933 their condition has improved until now they are getting "nearly 100 per cent" parity in farm prices.

## Ever Normal Granary

Again he brought up crop insurance and the ever normal granary. The difference between crop insurance and the AAA is that the government pays the farmers bounties for regulating production under AAA while under crop insurance the farmer, in a large sense, pays his own bounties.

Under one form of crop insurance advocated by Wallace, surpluses would be stored in fat years, either by the farmer or by the government in the farmer's name. Then in a lean year the farmer would be paid back part or all of the crops he has stored in the fat years. These would be paid back in proportion to the farmer's losses.

Not only is that plan intended to prevent the farmer's crop returns fluctuating violently, but to stabilize the amount of crops reaching the market each year, thus stabilizing prices.

Frankly agreeing that a series of fat years might pile up unmanageable surpluses, Wallace reminds the farmers that some sort of control must go along. He suggests continuation of soil conservation, which brings benefit payments, and extension of the land retirement program. Not always can the country count on droughts, such as 1934 and 1936 to wipe out the surplus.

## Washington Surprised

Unofficial Washington expressed some surprise at one statement by Secretary Wallace at Pasadena.

"I do not propose to outline today just what new measures should be adopted if and when surpluses again begin to pile up," he said. "I believe the situation as it develops will point the way to the necessary action."

If that implied the problem of surpluses should be passed over until the surplus appears, it would be a sharp departure from Wallace's previous program of regulated production.

## Unemployment Tax Deadline Extended

RALEIGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Governor Ehringhaus said today federal officials had informed him the January 15 deadline for the payment of the federal unemployment tax in North Carolina had been extended. The governor said he was not informed of the length of the extension, but that he had asked for the collections to be postponed until March 15, in order that the state unemployment tax could be levied before the federal tax.

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