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We Are Wishing You A Sane And Happy Christmas



Senators Against Gold Plan

Rankin and Thomas Criticise Inactive Fund

Coming Conflict

Roosevelt Is In For Much Pressure From The Left

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—The possibility of sharp conflicts between Roosevelt is expected to be in controlling unwieldy Democratic majorities in Congress come tonight when Rep. John Rankin, D. Miss., warned of the danger of the administration's second policy.

The treasury's plan to set aside an "inactive" fund all future purchases of gold from abroad and that mined at home in order to forestall dangers of a \$20,000,000 credit boom, carries according to Rankin, "grave danger of another depression."

He warned that unless the program is dropped a congressional campaign is inevitable. Sen. Elmer Thomas, D. Okla., congressional money expert, who approved the treasury plan when it was proposed, revised his opinion after further study. He has joined Rankin in urging the government to proceed cautiously.

Thomas and Rankin see in the gold policy an attempt by the government to meet growing criticism of skyrocketing prices by contracting credit and removing money from circulation. They take the position that prices have not yet reached a level sufficiently

Christmas Is Observed In Bethlehem

But Spirit of the Man of Peace Seems to Have Forsaken the Town

BETHLEHEM, Friday, Dec. 25.—The star of Bethlehem that was the sign to the cradle of infant Christ shone early today on a scene which mocked his teachings of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Shoppers in steel helmets stalked narrow, rutted streets to keep away from Jews from killing each other. Bells rang out at midnight calling the believers to prayer in St. Catherine's church. Carols were sung.

But tension existed everywhere

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Weather Statistics

December 24, 1936	
Temperature:	
Average for December	44.70
Highest today	53.00
Lowest today	23.00
Average today	38.00
Excess today	minus 6.70
Average for the year	60.60
PRECIPITATION (In inches)	
Average for December	3.90
Total amount today	0.00
Total amt this month	7.03
Total amt since Jan. 1	61.00
Average for the year	47.50
Excess for the year	13.50
Wind Direction—South	
Character of Day—Clear	
W. H. SANDERS	
TIDES	
Friday, December 25	
High	Low
11:00 a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.	11:07 11:02
4:36 4:53	11:07 11:02
4:16 4:33	10:47 10:42
Saturday, December 26	
High	Low
11:00 a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.	11:07 11:02
4:36 4:53	11:07 11:02
4:16 4:33	11:42 11:39

President Delivers Christmas Message

Unseated



PRESIDENT MIGUEL MARIANO GOMEZ, ousted from the presidency of the Cuban Republic following the impeachment. Proceedings against him were brought following his veto of a measure whereby a nine-cent tax on sugar would be used to support army controlled schools.

Federico Bru Is President Of Cuba Now

Regular Ceremony of Installation Observed But People Seem Apathetic

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Federico Laredo Bru, 61 year old vice president under President Miguel Mariano Gomez, today was sworn in to succeed the latter as chief executive, Cuba's fourth within 12 months.

Gomez was voted out of office by the senate which sustained a bill of impeachment passed by the chamber of representatives charged him with "coercion" and with "impeding the free function of legislative power." The ouster was dictated by Col. Fulencio Batista, army chief of staff, because of Gomez' veto of the nine-cent a bag sugar tax bill. Batista sponsored the bill to obtain revenue for the army's rural school program.

Chief Justice Juan Federico Edmundo of the supreme court, accompanied by other black-gowned

Inauspicious Fall Hunting Closes Today

And For The Lawless The Season For Hunting Wild- fowl is Just Beginning

Thanks to the kindly benevolence of Uncle Sam, represented by stricter game laws, migratory wildfowl in the Albemarle section have come thru another shooting season without any considerable decrease in their number. But the ducks and geese needn't count themselves too lucky, for with the closing of the open season at four o'clock this afternoon their troubles will just begin.

The 1936 open season on migratory wildfowl, tho not a disastrous one from the sportsman's viewpoint, has not been an auspicious season at all. There have been plenty of ducks and geese in the sounds and bays and rivers of this section—more than have been in a number of years—but getting a shot at them has been the problem.

For one thing, the season was too short and also too early to provide many days of good hunt-

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Teachings of Sermon On The Mount Adequate Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—The nation's first family freely shared its Christmas joy today with proud and lowly citizens alike in a series of celebrations climaxed when President Roosevelt lighted the community tree and called on men and nation to seek peace in the spirit of the sermon on the mount.

Tomorrow the Roosevelts will enjoy a private family Christmas—all except Franklin, Jr., ill in a Boston hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bourdiger in Seattle—but today they participated, like ordinary folk, in the excitement and bustle of a town preparing for the year's greatest religious holiday.

It was at the traditional tree-lighting ceremony in Lafayette Park across from the pillared beauty of the White House, that Mr. Roosevelt spoke his Christmas message to the nation.

He recalled Dickens' glorious old story about old Scrooge and Tiny Tim and how the spirit of the crippled little boy softened the heart of the old man until he became "as good a friend, as good a master and as good a man as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough in the good old world."

"The teaching of the sermon on the mount," Mr. Roosevelt added, "is as adequate to the needs of men and of nations today as when it was first proclaimed among the hills above the sea of Galilee, in such measure as its spirit is accepted men and nat-

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Edward Gets Many Gifts At Christmas

Former King Passes His First Christmas in Exile At Enzesfeld Castle

By RICHARD D. MacMILLAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
ENZESFELD, Austria, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Former King Edward exchanged Christmas greetings by telephone with Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson tonight and then roped with 25 children around a yule tree in the great ball of Enzesfeld castle.

Edward came from the telephone, his face wreathed in smiles, to join the Christmas Eve celebration staged by the Baron Eugene De Rothschild for the children of his household employees. The Baroness served tea to the

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Winners of Prizes For Decorations Are Announced

Winners of the prizes given by the Elizabeth City Garden Club for the best Christmas decorations in the city announced last night.

Dr. I. Fearing's home was chosen as first in night decorations, while the home of Postmaster W. T. Cupepper won second prize.

Mrs. Harold Overman won first prize for day decoration, while Mrs. W. C. Dawson won second.

The judges gave honorable mention to Duard Jones' unique illumination of the Three Wise Men, but could not give it a prize because it was so high. In fact, a good many decorations that might have merited serious consideration by the judges were ruled out because they were either too high or too low.

The committee of ladies which judged the day decorations was composed of Mrs. Harold Foreman, Mrs. Noah Burfoot and Miss Elizabeth Hathaway.

The committee of men which judged the night decorations was composed of the Rev. G. F. Hill, Robert Kramer and John Frisby.

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Pope Speaks To A Turbulent World

By UNITED PRESS

Half the world celebrates Christmas—Season of "Peace on earth good will toward men" Amidst war and rumors of war. Europe and the Orient stood on the brink of war oblivious of the words of a tired old man, who, from his sick bed in Vatican City, broadcast to all peoples Thursday an appeal for peace, tolerance and a cessation of that violent nationalism which may be heading the world toward another great conflict.

Bombs fell on the Cathedrals of Madrid even as the sick man—his voice at times choked with emotion—pleaded for a peace which many of his hearers fear they may never know.

The Holy Father's broadcast was heard by hundreds of millions—The Woman Catholic church, of which he is the head, has more than 331,500,000 communicants—but the same newspapers which blazoned his peace message flanked it with dispatches voicing fear of a general European war as result of the seeds of hate sown by Spain's civil conflict and the action of a one-time drug addict, Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, in kidnaping the military dictator of more than 300,000,000 Chinese, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Tall Story Editor Is Honored by His Former Home-folk

Bridge Will Be Named for Editor Who Made Home Town Famous

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Posthumous recognition came tonight to Lewis Timothy Stone, editor of the Winsted Evening Citizen, who made the name of Winsted synonymous with fake animal and nature stories.

Robert Mahr, chairman of the bridge committee, announced that a new bridge under construction on the boulevard in the western part of the town would be named after the man who hoaxed the country with such stories as the cat that whistled "Yankee Doodle" because of a harelip.

"Stone," said Mahr, "put Winsted on the map."

Stone—born 1875, died March 13, 1933—was one of the nation's most famous country correspondents. He achieved his first successful fake in 1895 because he needed \$150. He telegraphed Boston and New York papers that for that sum he would "cover" the wild man running about town stark naked chasing city officials. Out-of-town reporters poured into Winsted looking for the naked man, and hotel and tavern keepers profited.

Subsequently Stone hoaxed the country on such stories as the hen that laid a red, white and blue egg on the Fourth of July; the cow that was so modest it refused to permit a man to milk it and had to be milked by a woman; the bullfrog with maternal instinct that sat on hens' eggs; the hen that laid an egg on its

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No Pomp and Parade to Spanish War



There is no romance in warfare on the Spanish fronts, as winter sets in and cold, damp winds blow out of leaden skies. This picture, received recently in the United States, shows Rebel infantrymen wearing heavy clothing as they gather behind a barbed wire entanglement near Villaverde. War with wet clothing and chill blankets has little brilliance.

Crisis In Spanish Chaos Is Imminent

Christmas Eve In Madrid

Air Raiders Strike as Poverty Stricken War Worn People Celebrate the Dawn of Christianity

By IRVING PELAUM
United Press Staff Correspondent

Madrid, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Fascist planes staged a Christmas Eve raid on Madrid tonight, showering bombs on citizens as they went to shell-torn churches to sing the "Misa Del Gallo" in praise of Christ's birth.

Many were reported to have been killed and wounded in the surprise appearance of the Rebel bombers over the city, breaking a lull of several days.

Rebel artillery in the frozen Guadarrama hills joined in the Christmas Eve bombardment, pouring huge shells into the center of the capital. Between 10 and 20 persons, including women and children, were killed.

The slaughter from land and skies spread panic through the city that was one of the oldest citadels of Christianity.

It was the saddest Noche De Navidad—Christmas Eve—that Madrid has known.

Families gathered in the remnants of their homes to sing the Christmas hymn of Villancicos and look forward to a pitiful dinner.

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Fascist Nations Must Either Advance or Retreat

Germany and Italy Franco's Call for Greater Military Aid Expected to Precipitate Decision

By FREDERICK KUH
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London, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Germany and Italy tonight reached the crossroads where they must decide either to plunge deeper into the Spanish situation or withdraw with loss of prestige.

Diplomats said the Spanish rebels have told Premier Mussolini and Reichsfuehrer Hitler that they urgently need more aid.

All Europe was tense tonight. French and British newspaper voiced the fear of "grave developments." Thousands, in the midst of Yuletide merriment, realized Europe was approaching a crisis.

General Wilhelm Faupel, secret German emissary to the Spanish rebels, has been in Berlin this week urging Hitler to dispatch a big expeditionary force, well armed, to Spain to tilt the scales against the loyalists.

Diplomats says his arguments have impressed Hitler, particularly since Italy reportedly is ready to come to terms with Britain on Mediterranean policy and relax its aid to the Spanish rebels. This would mean that Germany would be isolated as the sole great power helping Franco.

Germany military leaders reportedly are divided in opinion. Some believe that General Hermann Goering's policy of "guns rather than butter" is driving the

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Trying To Buy Germany Off

France and Great Britain Offer Economic Salvation in Exchange for Withdrawal of Troops

By RALPH HEINEN
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Paris, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—France and Great Britain tonight pitted their gold against Germany's military aid to the Spanish Rebels in one of the most sensational diplomatic poker games Europe has seen since pre-war days.

Stripped of diplomatic verbiage, talks among statesmen in Paris, Berlin and London tonight proceeded along these lines:

If Germany will pull its troops out of Spain and let Rebel General Francisco Franco fight his own battle, then England and France may help lift the third Reich from the economic hole into which it is slipping.

Both foreign minister Yvon Delbos and foreign minister Anthony Eden of Great Britain have sent word to Chancellor Adolf Hitler that they regard the sending of German troops to Spain with the utmost seriousness. It was this message that caused Hitler to abandon plans for an extensive Christmas holiday.

The Quai D'Orsay tonight took

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Elton Aydlett Is Victim of Thief

Christmas came and went last night for the family of N. Elton Aydlett on West Church street when they returned home at about 9:30 o'clock and found that a thief had entered the house and made off with the bulk of their Christmas presents which were prepared for the morrow.

Entering by breaking a back window and releasing the latch, the thief picked and chosed among the presents, taking what appealed to him. Mr. Aydlett was the heaviest loser.

The entry followed, in every detail of technique, that made at the home of Ivan Fyshny across the street from the Aydlett home, several days ago.

ABC Does A Record Business

Christmas Eve Business Largest In Store's History

Sales \$3,211.90

Sold Around 3,500 Bottles Of Spirituous Beverages

Breaking all previous records, Pasquotank county's alcoholic beverage control store yesterday sold \$3,211.90 worth of assorted spirituous beverages to thirsty holiday-gers from several counties.

It was by far the biggest day's business done by the local liquor store since it opened its doors on July 24, 1935. The nearest day's business to it was that of Christmas Eve a year ago, when the store's gross business was less than \$2,000.

This week's sales, incidentally, with only four selling days yet elapsed, have been the largest of any week in the store's history and have almost equalled the gross sales of three full weeks.

Monday's sales totaled around \$850, Tuesday's sales rose to around \$935, and Wednesday's sales soared to above \$1,500. The sales for these three days, together with yesterday's record sales, aggregate around \$8,500.

Of course, it must be taken into consideration that the local liquor store is the only such store in this county. In fact, it is the only such store within a radius of 50 square miles, or between South Norfolk and Williamston. It was estimated that two-thirds or better of the customers patronizing the local ABC store yesterday were from neighboring counties.

Around 3,500 bottles of liquor,

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E. City Ready To Celebrate In Gay Style

Merry, Noisy Xmas In Prospect For Elizabeth City Today

Elizabeth City late last night was preparing to celebrate one of the merriest, noisiest and busiest Christmas days in its history today.

The day started out majestically and quietly with a midnight mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church.

The early part of the morning will be spent in hundreds of homes opening and exchanging gifts.

The local Elks, following their annual custom, will provide bags of Christmas joy this morning for around 400 white children of the town.

At 2:30 p. m. today, on Hunsucker field, Hunsucker's All-Stars will meet the local Cardinals in

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Lionel Barrymore Is Overcome at Bedside Of His Former Wife

Hollywood, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Lionel Barrymore, motion picture actor, collapsed at the bedside of Irene Fenwick, his former wife, shortly after he watched her die tonight.

He was taken to Santa Monica sanitarium. Barrymore was scheduled to play the part of "Scrooge" in the film colony's annual production of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" tonight, but his appearance was cancelled.

Dr. F. A. Speik, who had treated Miss Fenwick, said Barrymore was alone with her when he arrived at a hospital where she died. Barrymore was kneeling by her bed and sobbing, Speik said.

The Christmas Morning Egg Nog

While liquor in any form is tabu in the homes of many readers of this newspaper, there are those to whom Christmas would not be Christmas without the cheering bowl of egg nog on Christmas morning. The Daily Independent offers this recipe. If one is going to make egg nog, one might as well make it right.

- 1 pint 100 proof Apple Jack or straight bourbon or rye whiskey. (No blends.)
 - 1 to 2 ounces Jamaica rum.
 - 1 doz. strictly fresh eggs.
 - 1/2 cup of sugar.
 - 1 qt. of thin cream
 - Nutmeg.
- Beat yolks and whites of eggs separately, beating the sugar with the yolks. Whites should be beaten until stiff and the yolks until smooth and creamy.
- Add the Apple Jack or whiskey to the beaten yolks slowly, mixing briskly.
- Add rum and cream.
- Fold the beaten whites into the above mixture and serve in tall glasses with a sprinkle of nutmeg to top off the treat.
- Makes about six pints.

Hotel Guests and Employs at Party

Guests of the Virginia Dare hotel, permanent and transient, and employes of the hotel corporation, white and colored, were guests of the management at a Christmas entertainment held in the lobby of the hotel last night. The singing of Christmas carols and spirituals by the colored employes was a feature of the entertainment. Gifts were distributed to all during the evening.

About 35 guests and 35 employes were present.